

From Ivory Tower to Tilling the Soil: Universities as Catalysts for Sustainable Cities

Are Professors really stuck in their Ivory Tower?

Is higher education relevant?

Can Universities really catalyze community change?

This talk and discussion will focus on an urgent new role for higher education institutions to be the catalysts for sustainable city design. This event will focus on the Sustainable City Year programme at the University of Oregon (USA), a programme that helps direct expertise of faculty and students toward a single city to help on sustainability issues. In this model of education, students get hands on experience in working with city officials and city officials get a range of new ideas from the next generation of thinkers and practitioners.

This year, the Sustainable City Year program is working with the City of Gresham (Oregon, USA) and is directing 15 faculty, 24 courses, 7 disciplines, and about 100,000 hours of student and faculty effort toward the city's needs. Can this model work in the UK?

March 10th 5.30-7.30pm

London Southbank University, Keyworth Centre, Keyworth Street

www1.lsbu.ac.uk/about/maps.shtml

To book a place please email judith.eversley@rtpi.org.uk

March 11th 5.30-7.30pm

Sheffield University, ICOSS Board Room, 219 Portobello

www.shef.ac.uk/content/1/c6/03/72/52/ICOSS_MAP%5B1%5D.pdf

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