Programme

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Day one  29 June

09.50AM – 10.50AM  EXHIBITION, REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING

10.10AM – 11.00AM  Optional session: Ask PINS breakfast briefing
Hear the latest updates on Enforcement from PINS.

Sarah Richards MRTPI – Chief Executive, The Planning Inspectorate
Graham Stallwood – Director of Operations, The Planning Inspectorate

11.00AM – 11.15AM  Welcome
Victoria Hills MRTPI FICE – Chief Executive, Royal Town Planning Institute

11.15AM – 11.45AM  Keynote address
Maimunah Mohd Sharif – Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme

11.45AM – 11.55AM  Political keynote address

11.55AM – 12.00PM  Planning radicals
What's set to disrupt planning over the next few years? The first of four new voices in the profession give quick-fire presentations on a wide range of topics, sharing bold, challenging and fresh ways to think about planning.

Allies and Morrison
Urban Practitioners
12.10PM – 1.00PM  
**Focus sessions**

These sessions will concentrate on three of the RTPI’s campaign priorities for 2020.

**Session 1**  
**Zero-carbon building**

Learn from the award-winning Norwich City Council about the role that planners can play in building low-energy homes by reducing heating demand to a very low level rather than relying on renewables. The audience will be invited to work in groups to discuss how planners can encourage and support this type of building in the future.

Andrew Turnbull – Interim Housing Development Manager, Norwich City Council

**Session 2**  
**The future of heritage**

Explore the relationship between heritage and design and how they can best work together.

Peter Ainsworth – Chair, Heritage Alliance  
Owain Lloyd-James – Head of Places Strategy, Historic England

**Session 3**  
**Planning for children’s everyday freedoms**

The latest research shows that planning systems in the UK are failing to consider the rights and needs of children. This session will address how putting children and their mobility at the forefront of our design thinking will create better, more inclusive and healthier places for everybody.

Tim Gill – Owner, Rethinking Childhood  
Sara Candiracci – Associate Director International Development, Arup

01.00PM – 02.00PM  
**EXHIBITION, LUNCH AND NETWORKING**

02.00PM – 02.50PM  
**Focus sessions**

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**Session 1**  
**Zero-carbon transport**

To achieve zero-carbon targets, planners will need to work with urban designers, developers and politicians to create public transport that people will use, not only because they want to save the planet, but also because it is the convenient choice.

Fiona Blackley – Head of Neighbourhoods and Networks, Sustrans  
Richard Dilks – Chief Executive, CoMoUK  
Claire Haigh – Chief Executive, Greener Journeys and Transport Knowledge Hub  
Chair: Jonathan Bray – Director, Urban Transport Group

**Session 2**  
**Architects v Planners**

Planners are often unfairly portrayed as “pen-pushers”, “development controllers” or even ‘architecturally illiterate’. Join us for this session to explore how planners and architects can come together to create a built environment that works for all, not only spatially but visually too.
Session 3  Stress test: how neuroscience can help planners
Poorly planned environments can pose serious risks to physical and mental health. In this session, cognitive neuroscientist Araceli Camargo presents the findings from Centric Lab’s new research report on the relationship between impoverished urban environments and PTSD.

Araceli Camargo – Neuroscientist and co-founder of Centric Lab

03.00PM – 03.05PM  Planning radicals
What’s set to disrupt planning over the next few years? The second of four new voices in the profession give quick-fire presentations on a wide range of topics, sharing bold, challenging and fresh ways to think about planning.

03.05PM – 03.35PM  Live interview: Modular and offsite construction – the future of building?
Join the team from The Planner as they chat to Cast Consultancy CEO Mark Farmer on the nation’s need to modernise the construction industry. Facing a steadily shrinking workforce and an increasing demand for housing, is offsite and modular construction the solution?

Mark Farmer – Founding Director and CEO, Cast Real Estate & Construction Consultancy

03.35PM – 04.00PM  EXHIBITION, REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING

04.00PM – 04.50PM  Ask the Chief Planners
What are the challenges and opportunities facing planners working to achieve zero-carbon targets? It’s one of the hottest topics in the planning profession - put your questions to the Chief Planners from across the UK and Ireland.

Neil Hemington MRTPI – Chief Planner, Welsh Government
Angus Kerr MRTPI – Chief Planner, DfI Northern Ireland
John McNairney MRTPi – Chief Planner, Scotland Government
England Government representative
Ireland Government representative

04.50PM – 05.00PM  Closing remarks
Victoria Hills MRTPI FICE – Chief Executive, Royal Town Planning Institute
07.00PM – 11.00PM **PRESIDENTIAL DINNER**

The evening will be hosted by RTPI President Sue Manns FRtPI. Join us for an evening of networking from planners across the industry. The gala dinner is open to all.

Day two  
30 June

**08.30AM – 09.30AM** **EXHIBITION, REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING**

**09.30AM – 09.35AM** Welcome

**09.35AM – 09.40AM** Planning radicals

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**09.40AM – 10.20AM** Grey, blue, green and everything between

Former Young Planner of the Year Heather Claridge tells us how Europe’s first ever ‘smart canal’ scheme in Glasgow will not only reduce the flood risk impact of climate change, but also act as a catalyst for new investment, jobs, homes and businesses. Heather will be joined by environmentalist Jeremy Purseglove to explore how infrastructure can work for both people and nature.

Jeremy Purseglove – Author of ‘Taming the Flood and Working with Nature’
Heather Claridge MRtPI – Principal Design Officer, Architecture and design Scotland
Jen Heal – Design Advisor, Design Commission for Wales and Commissioner, South East Wales Transport Commission

**10.30AM – 11.00AM** Focus sessions

These sessions are designed as time of personal development for delegates.

**Session 1** Planning – a profession open to all?

How can we identify barriers that people from diverse and minority groups encounter when joining the planning profession, or when seeking to progress their careers?
Session 2

Watch your thoughts – an introduction to mindfulness
Paying more attention to the present moment can improve your mental wellbeing. Discover how mindfulness can help planners handle stress, improve focus and build resilience in both their personal and professional lives.

Luca Occelli – Holistic Counsellor & Coach

Session 3

Coping with ethical dilemmas
Planners must understand and act appropriately given the sometimes conflicting requirements of their employer, the needs of the individuals affected, the collective needs of the community and their own personal views. Join us for a practical workshop looking at a real-life scenario and how it could be best managed.

11.00AM – 11.30AM EXHIBITION, REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING

HAYS Recruiting experts in Construction & Property

11.30AM – 12.20PM Focus sessions
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Session 1

Rewilding our greenbelts
Large-scale conservation aimed at restoring and protecting natural processes and core wilderness areas have met with varying degrees of success over recent years. Join a range of experts to discuss rewilding and whether it should be tried in greenbelts too.

Deryck Irving – Acting Chief Executive, Central Scotland Green Network Trust
Rebecca Wrigley – Chief Executive, Rewilding Britain

Session 2

The future of high streets
How can planners help councils, businesses and communities put the UK’s ailing high streets and town centres back at the heart of local communities?

Joe Barratt – Co-founder, The Teenage Market

Session 3

Technology and the future role of a planner
What does the role of a planner look like in the future? This session will focus on the increasing urgency for planning authorities to use tech to free up resource.

Charlotte Orrell MRTPI – Senior Planner, Iceni Projects
Umbreen Qureshi – Service Manager Technical Support, Tower Hamlets
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| 12.30PM – 01.00PM | Political keynote: The value of planning across the UK  
Hear from two politicians about the value of planning before getting your chance to put your questions to them on the topic. |
| 01.00PM – 02.00PM | **EXHIBITION, LUNCH AND NETWORKING**                               |
| 02.00PM – 02.30PM | Live interview: Planning at the top table  
Local authority planning teams that are the most successful tend to be those with a chief planning officer ‘at the top table’. Join us to find out why it’s so important for planners to have the command and influence to speak with leaders and Chief Executives of councils.  
Mark Dickens – Lead Officer: Spatial Planning, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority |
| 02.30PM – 03.15PM | **Sustainable Development Goals – lessons from overseas**  
They’ve been described as ‘the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all’, but how can planners implement the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals in the UK? This session looks at lessons to be learnt from around the world, including from the USA where the APA is implementing SDGs into the planning system despite a difficult political climate overseas.  
Joel Albizo, FASAE, CAE – Chief Executive Officer, American Planning Association  
Kurt Christiansen, FAICP – President, American Planning Association  
Professor Barbara Norman HonRTPI – Professor Urban and Regional Planning, University of Canberra |
| 03.15PM – 03.20PM | Planning radicals  
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| 03.20PM – 03.30PM | Closing remarks  
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| 03.30PM – 04.00PM | **NETWORKING AND CLOSE**                                   |