



# Young Planners' Conference 2021

Friday 29 October – Royal College of Physicians Edinburgh & online

## Our Place In A Climate Crisis

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### Programme

- 8.30am**      **Registration**
- 9.00am**      **Welcome from headline sponsors**
- 9.15am**      **Opening Address**  
Dr Wei Yang FRTPI, RTPI President 2021
- 9.25am**      **Ministerial Address**  
Tom Arthur MSP, Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth
- 9.40am**      **Past: learning from our experience**  
This plenary will explore the enduring relevance of concepts such as garden cities and new towns in the context of a changing climate. It will also highlight the importance of heritage in successful placemaking, and the role of planners in safeguarding historic places in the pursuit of a climate-resilient built environment.
- Chair:** Barbara Cummins MRTPI - Convenor, Royal Town Planning Institute in Scotland  
Dr Ann MacSween - Head of the Planning, Consents and Advice Service, Historic Environment Scotland  
Dr. Rebecca Madgin - Professor of Urban Studies, University of Glasgow  
Dr. Wei Yang - RTPI President 2021
- 10.40am**      **Break**
- 10.50am**      **Present: Low carbon success stories**  
This plenary will explore current sustainability and low carbon success stories on the ground. It will look at the importance of placemaking and transport amongst other topics in the drive to reduce emissions and in responding to climate change from the planning perspective.
- Chair:** Stefano Smith FRTPI – Director, Stefano Smith Planning  
Leonora Grcheva - Cities & Regions Lead at DEAL  
Daisy Narayanan - Mobility & Placemaking Senior Manager, Edinburgh Council  
Nick Ribbons, Construction Partner, Zero Waste Scotland

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**11.50am**      **Networking/Expo Lunch**

**12.50pm**      **Conversation with past and present Young Planner of the Year**

Join us to hear from the past and present winners of the Young Planner of the Year award. Robyn and Ryan will be reflecting on their years and discussing their aspirations for the future of the planning profession.

Robyn Skerratt - Team Leader, Sustainable Development and Financing at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office  
Ryan Walker - Senior Planner, Icen Projects

**1.10pm**      **Future: What lies ahead**

This plenary will look to the future of Planning. Exploring how we can better respond to climate change, and how the places of the future will be shaped by the ongoing climate crisis.

**Chair:** Craig McLaren FRTPI - Director, Scotland and Ireland  
Prof. Matthew Carmona, Professor of Planning and Urban Design, The Bartlett School of Planning Faculty of the Built Environment  
Heather Claridge, Principal Officer, Glasgow City Council  
Susan Rintoul - Project Officer, Planning for Place

**2.10pm**      **Soapbox session - A Changing System Across the Four Nations**

This session explores our place in the climate crisis through a series of short talks from the four nations. We will look at the changing policy environments, highlight some crucial policy areas of energy and land use, and consider how young planners can harness opportunities and bring meaningful change

Chloe McDonnell - Junior Land Referencer, WSP  
Abbie Miladinovic - Senior Planner, Leeds City Council  
Emmeline Reynish - Planner, Arup  
Jane Tennant - Strategic Planner, Clydeplan

**2.30pm**      **Break**

**2.40pm**      **Planning Law Update**

This highly valuable and thought-provoking update will reflect upon the key developments concerning legislation and case law within the Planning system.

Sasha White QC – Barrister, Landmark Chambers

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3.40pm

## Keynote Address

This talk explores how the concept of urban futures can be used to develop city visions which are co-created. Mark examines what urban futures might mean for places, what infrastructure and governance systems will underpin and co-ordinate them, and how they are best shaped and influenced by civil society, governments, businesses and the academy working together.

Professor Mark Tewdwr-Jones - Professor of Cities and Regions,  
UCL Bartlett

4.10pm

Closing remarks & Young Planners' Conference 2022  
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4.20pm

Networking drinks

5.00pm

Event close

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