



LOCALISM: EMBRACING THE CULTURE OF COMMUNITY-LED PLANNING

TUESDAY 10 MAY 2011

VENUE: One Fleet Place, London EC4M 7WS

A one-day conference run by Kingston University, with workshops to complement and launch our forthcoming CPD programme.

Localism and its emphasis on community-led planning at the neighbourhood level requires planners to adapt to new ways of working with the community to foster their relationship with local people. Not only will planners have to come to terms with changes in legislation and the consequent makeover in organisational practice and delivery, they will need to adapt their skills and working practices so that they can be proactive in working with local communities planning their neighbourhoods.

This event is designed for planners from both the public and private sector, with or without experience in community planning, who recognise the opportunity to be at the forefront of Localism by ensuring they have the right kind of skills to work with and facilitate local communities to embrace their new rights and responsibilities in the planning of their neighbourhoods. With this intention, the School of Surveying & Planning at Kingston University is extending its philosophy and approach to planning education in which emphasis is placed on putting people first in the delivery of sustainable development.

Talks in the morning will be followed by interactive workshops in the afternoon. The talks

are intended to highlight the opportunities that current changes can bring to the planning profession. They will address the contextual changes anticipated in planning and the contribution of planners to community involvement drawing on experiences to date. Furthermore there will be an insight into the special capabilities and competences demonstrated by planners which make them ideally suited to take on the challenge. Using this backdrop, the workshops will debate different examples of practice to avoid the pitfalls and discuss the potential for delivering successful community involvement.

This event too, is being used to launch our emerging programme of CPD sessions for those people involved in the planning process to up skill for the pending changes to planning and to strengthen technical skills on aspects of development related to zero or low carbon design and the "green economy".

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Bookings must be made by Thursday 5 May 2011

Programme

- 9.30** Registration and Refreshments
- 10.00** Welcome and Introduction,
Charlotte Harris, Principal Lecturer and Field Leader in Planning, Kingston University
- 10.15** **OPENING KEYNOTE TALK**
A brief introduction on the implications and effects of Localism on the planning system and the incentives / opportunities for planners to be at the forefront of community-led planning.
Steve Quartermain, Chief Planning Officer, DCLG
- 10.45** **EXPLORING CULTURE CHANGE: A LOCAL AUTHORITY CONTEXT**
A personal experience, exploration and reflection on the contribution of planners to community involvement in the local authority context.
Professor Janice Morphet, Visiting Professor, UCL
- 11.15** **MORNING BREAK**
- 11.30** **EXPLORING CULTURE CHANGE: A COMMUNITY PLANNING CONTEXT**
A personal experience, exploration and reflection on the contribution of planners to community involvement in the community planning context,
Georgia Wrighton, Lecturer in Planning, Kingston University
- 12.00** **THE PLANNING PROFESSION'S CREDIBILITY IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
Based on the findings of Kingston University in their 2008 ESRC Research Project on built environment professional skills for sustainable communities,
Professor Sarah Sayce, Head of the School of Surveying and Planning, Kingston University
- 12.30** **PLENARY:** Questions and Answers
- 13.00** **LUNCH:** NETWORKING AND SIGN UP FOR CASE STUDIES AND WORKSHOPS
- 14.00** **CASE STUDIES AND WORKSHOPS:**
LEARNING FROM GOOD PRACTICE AND EMERGING MODELS OF ENGAGEMENT
- ENGAGING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES**
Applying skills and techniques to engage diverse communities in neighbourhood planning by drawing on case studies and role play,
Patrick Anderson (Planning Aid for London)
- A MODEL OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
Learning from the experience of the Women's Design Group Project, working with women from diverse backgrounds to address gender specific issues for more inclusive neighbourhood planning,
Barbara Wallace and Amy Kennedy (Women's Design Service)
- VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENTS (SPDS)/PARISH PLANS**
Applying and adapting practice in facilitating village design statements/parish plans, recognising the strengths and weaknesses of the community-led planning process and recommendations for successful future practice,
Dagmar Hutt and Lesley Downing, (Formerly of Planning Aid South)
- PLANNING GAMES**
Using selected tools e.g. Building Futures and Inquiry by Design as a role play to further develop interactive techniques and skills for working with communities,
Nisha Kaduskar, (Community-led Urban Designer)
- 15.00** **AFTERNOON BREAK**
- 15.30** **PLENARY:** Feedback and summaries from the Workshops, Workshop Facilitators
- 16.15** **CLOSE:** *Charlotte Harris*