

Loughborough Town Hall
29 February 2012 – 10am to 4pm

Better connected green spaces? **Getting ready for the challenges and opportunities ahead**

We know that the green space sector is rapidly changing as a result of public reform and austerity measures. But how can we meet these challenges and maximise new opportunities, enabling positive and meaningful delivery to local communities?

The GSEM Open Conference will provide a collection of speakers that will provide latest interpretation of policies and practices, tools and evidence which are all available to support you deliver local needs. Plenty of networking opportunities will enable you to meet fellow professionals facing the same challenges and also visit a small exhibition with exhibitors such as Swift DataPro.

Who: This conference is open to all green spaces managers of publically accessible land: parish, town, district, borough, city and county councils, charities, housing association, land management companies, community groups, contractors etc.

How much: The conference is free to GreenSpace East Midlands members. Non-members will be charged of £45 plus VAT. Lunch is included.

Booking: Booking is essential and we anticipate that this will be a popular event therefore it is offered on a first come first served basis.

Confirmed speakers include:

Paul Bramhill, GreenSpace; setting the scene

Belinda Davis, Natural England; understanding the role quality green spaces play in Public Health

Anne Jaluzot, Strategic Urban Greening Consultant; what has Climate Change got to do with green spaces?

Sarah Royal, Chair of the National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces and Project Officer of Birmingham Open Spaces Forum; working with communities and the discovering the value of them coming together to have a clear public voice

Also being covered - the Localism Bill and Green Flag Award Scheme

Book your place by 22nd February

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