

## October 2007 Information and News Items

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### EDUCATION - [Creating skilled professionals for the parks and green space sector.](#)

Good design should be at the heart of our public realm - our streets and highways, parks and green spaces and public squares and neighbourhoods. But many people working to shape these public spaces don't get any formal design training.

The [CABE Space design skills scholarships](#) have been launched to address this. Targeting people whose work has an impact on the quality of our public space but who have no formal design training, the scheme offers professionals working in these roles the chance to travel in order to gain greater understanding of design in the public realm.

From highways engineers and planning officers to park workers, access officers, leisure and amenity officers and regeneration professionals, the scholarships are open to anyone who could use the experience to help bring knowledge of good design in the public realm to their own work and to inspire others in their field. You can apply for a scholarship by visiting [www.cabe.org.uk/scholarships](http://www.cabe.org.uk/scholarships).

Applications opened on October 1st 2007 and close on November 30th 2007 at 5pm.

Selected candidates will be called for interview in January and successful applicants will be notified at the end of January 2008.

## TRAINING EVENTS

### **31<sup>st</sup> October**                      **Green Infrastructure Network Workshop**

Venue: Lincoln Drill Hall, Lincoln                      Organiser: EMRA  
Cost: Free

The East Midlands Regional Assembly and its partners are running a series of seminars on Green Infrastructure (GI) delivery in each County in the region.

The half day seminars will seek to explain the concepts of Green Infrastructure, explain what has happened so far, what is happening in the near future and will allow discussion on how we can get more quality GI delivered on the ground locally. Go to <http://www.emgin.co.uk/> to register for details and book online. See also 16th November for event in Leicestershire. Derbyshire event took place on 17 October. Events for Nottinghamshire and Northamptonshire have still to be arranged.

### **6 November 2007**                      **[AGM - The future for children's play](#)**

Venue: Central London                      Organiser: Children's Play Council  
Cost: Free

The event will celebrate the launch of the revised Charter for Children's Play, and find out about key projects this year.

### **14th November**                      **[How to Engage the Community](#)**

Venue: Manchester                      Organiser: CLES  
Cost: £200 plus VAT; £105 plus VAT for voluntary, community and charity groups.

This course is aimed at helping those involved in regeneration and neighbourhood renewal to understand engagement and overcome the barriers to engagement in communities.

It draws on the wide experience of Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) staff, gained through direct experience of community engagement over a number of years.

### **16<sup>th</sup> November**                      **Green Infrastructure Network Workshop**

Venue: Leicestershire County Council Offices                      Organiser: EMRA  
Cost: Free

See information re 31<sup>st</sup> October event.

### **Friday 16th November**                      **Community Events Training Workshop**

Venue: Edinburgh                      Organiser: GreenSpace  
Cost: Free

This FREE interactive workshop draws on the experiences from the past three years of the Park It! project and will give you ideas and guidance on organising your own park event.

To book on this training course, please contact Oonagh Kelleher on [oonaghk@green-space.org.uk](mailto:oonaghk@green-space.org.uk) or call 0118 946 9060

**16<sup>th</sup> November**                      **Free-Range Childhood: The First UK Play Ranger Conference**

Venue: Torquay

This one-day event is the first chance to find out about play rangers and the way in which different schemes across the country are being developed.

Contact: M. Tweed

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<http://www.playwork.co.uk>

**20 November**                      **Pushing Parks Forward conference**

Venue: The Royal Armoury, Leeds                      Organiser: GreenSpace

Cost: £170.00 for IPGS and GreenSpace East Midlands Forum members and £220.00 for non-members (prices include vat). A limited number of subsidised places, priced at £90.00, are available to registered community groups and those in full-time education.

Pushing Parks Forward will focus on marketing parks.

Paul Bramhill, Chief Executive of GreenSpace, said "Marketing parks is about far more than just promotion; it's about providing the parks that people want in the way that they want them.

"Pushing Parks Forward will focus on the varied skills and techniques required to successfully market and raise awareness of parks and green spaces."

**20<sup>th</sup> November**                      **Green Infrastructure Network Workshop**

Venue: East Midlands Development Agency Offices

Organiser: EMRA

Cost: Free

See information re 31<sup>st</sup> October event.

**21st November**                      **Accessible outdoor environments for all: shared understanding**

Venue: Centre in the Park (Norfolk Park), Sheffield

Organiser: Countryside Recreation Network

Cost: £125

The seminar is aimed at government agency and local authority staff and practitioners involved in developing and promoting outdoor access for all, with particular reference to people with disabilities.

**28th November**                      [Supporting Social Enterprise Development](#)

Venue: Manchester                      Organiser: CLES

Cost: £200 plus VAT; £105 plus VAT for voluntary, community and charity groups.

Social Enterprise is rising up the national policy agenda and this course has been designed to help examine the role local authorities can play in supporting social enterprise and maximising its contribution to local economic development.  
27th February 2008 London

**30th January 2008**                      **Climate Change in the Outdoor Recreation Sector**

Venue: Birmingham                      Organiser: Countryside Recreation Network

Advance notice. Details not yet available.

**Tuesday 26th February to**                      [The third CAFE Space Leaders Programme](#)  
**Friday 29th February 2008**

Venue: Worsley Park Marriott, Manchester                      Organiser: CAFE

Cost: £535 exc. VAT.

Parks are once again widely acknowledged as central to creating and sustaining the attractive, stimulating, healthy communities in which we want to live.

But with this increased profile come new expectations and challenges. The role of the green space manager is changing, so that today's job involves not only day-to-day service delivery, but also engagement with new policy agendas and innovative approaches to service delivery and attracting resources.

The CAFE Space leaders programme has been developed to support green space managers in meeting these needs.

The programme is filling up fast, so if you would like to book a place, you are recommended to register your interest.

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