

February 2008 Information and News Items – Education

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TRAINING EVENTS

(N.b. web page addresses used in event hyperlinks are listed at the end)

**26th February to [The third CABE Space Leaders Programme](#)
29th February**

Venue: Worsley Park Marriott, Manchester Organiser: CABE
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 CABE Space leaders [programme](#) has been developed to support green space managers in meeting these needs. See pdf file 'CABE_leadersprog' attached to covering message for more information.

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

28 February

Playtime conference

Venue: The Gilbert Murray Conference Centre, the University of Leicester.

Cost £10

This East Midlands play conference will showcase some of the best play work in the region and allow delegates to meet colleagues and share ideas. For further details see the Flyer and Booking Form attached to the covering e mail

4 March 2008

[Street design and placemaking: a masterclass for managers](#)

Venue: (Nottingham) to be confirmed Organiser: CABE

Cost:

- 1 delegate - £120 plus VAT
- 2 or more delegates - £90 plus VAT each

This is one in a series of regional masterclasses that have been developed by CABE and partners to support public sector managers responsible for delivering change in their area. The masterclass is designed to highlight the links between design quality, funding and performance and focuses on the delivery of quality through integrated teams as outlined in the recent government guidance *Manual for Streets*. The event will also explore the role of key processes and tools such as *Building for Life* in delivering quality under pressure.

The masterclass will be delivered by a panel of acknowledged experts in street design familiar with the challenges that local authorities face. It aims to provide an interactive forum for the discussion of the latest principles and good practice, how to overcome barriers and how to make change happen.

Target Audience: The number of places available at each regional event is limited to 35 and priority will be given to managers/ heads of departments involved in all aspects of street design.

6 March - 7 March

National sports and leisure seminar:

National problem? Local solutions

Venue: Best Western Stoke on Trent Moat House Hotel

Organiser: APSE

See file attached to covering e mail for details.

10 March NATIONAL CONFERENCE; Going Wild - Access to Natural Greenspaces: see attachment to covering e mail for details of programme.
Venue: One Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London SW1H 9JJ.
Organiser: Natural England
RSVP London@naturalengland.org.uk <<mailto:London@naturalengland.org.uk>>
or 020 7932 2230

Natural England believes that Accessible Natural Greenspace is important because everyday contact with nature is important for well-being and quality of life and that everyone should be able to enjoy contact with nature, in safety, without having to make any special effort or journey to do so. Accessible Natural Greenspace also gives everyone an opportunity to learn about nature and to help protect it in practical ways.

This is a conference on Access to Natural Greenspaces Standards (ANGSt) where delegates will join fellow practitioners and specialists in greenspace creation and management and discuss examples of best practice from around the country, and where the concept can be taken for a 21st century urban and rural landscape.

Numbers are strictly limited so please book your places early.

12 March 08 [Towards An Excellent Service \(TAES\) for parks and open spaces](#)

Alternative venues: Jephson Gardens, Leamington Spa, (13 March); Winter Gardens, Sunderland (19 March); York CVS, York (20 March); n.b. the East Midlands venue is sold out.

Venue: National Wildflower Centre, Liverpool, North West

Organiser: GreenSpace

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Towards An Excellent Service (TAES) for parks and open spaces enables parks managers to benchmark their service against a model of excellence and to plan improvements.

The TAES version for parks and open spaces has been developed by CABE Space in partnership with the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA), Institute for Parks and Green Spaces (IPGS), Institute for Sport, Parks and Leisure (ISPAL) and parks professionals.

Adopting this approach can assist in improved user and staff satisfaction, efficiency, the delivery of parks and open spaces that meet user's needs and increased recognition for the parks team within the authority.

This one day training event will provide an overview of Towards An Excellent Service for parks and open spaces, equipping delegates with the skills to carry out the self assessment and develop detailed improvement plans. It will be useful for park managers and performance managers from both local authorities and registered social landlords.

13 March [Arts in the Outdoors](#)

Venue: The Lighthouse, Glasgow Organiser: The Countryside Recreation Network
Cost: £125

The seminar is designed for managers who wish to understand the practicalities of organising artistic events, at people who wish to use art as a means of outreach and engagement and at those with a strategic role concerned with standards and accessibility in the provision of outdoor art.

13 – 14 March [Healthy, safe and prosperous communities how culture, sport and tourism can deliver](#)

Venue: Liverpool Organiser: Local Government Association
Cost: £360/£460

This year's annual culture, sport and tourism conference will explore the ways in which cultural services can impact on the priority needs of local communities, delivering shared outcomes and driving service improvements.

1 April [Ask - connecting young people and place](#)

Venue: Reading University, UK Organiser: the Sensory Trust
Price: £75.00

It comes as little surprise to most of us that children benefit from being outside, interacting with their environment, learning from nature and developing through play. Sadly children's environments have changed dramatically in recent years: there are fewer accessible natural places and increasingly parents discourage outdoor play. There is increasing evidence that we are rearing a generation that is "outdoor adverse".

But it's not all bad news. The promotion of better quality environments and more opportunities for play is a crucial issue and we believe that the answers lie in a multi-disciplinary approach. This conference brings together perspectives, skills and experiences of people from a wide range of professional backgrounds from the UK, Japan and Sweden.

Space is limited at this venue, so please book early.

3 April [Eco-towns & housing growth regional seminar](#)

Venue: County Hall, Nottingham Organiser: Academy of Sustainable Communities and TCPA
Cost: From £60 plus VAT

This is part of the 'Eco-towns and Housing Growth' series of regional seminars which assess how housing demand and need can be met and whether eco-towns could be part of the solution.

15 April [Nature in the City](#)

Venue: London Zoo Organiser: GreenSpace

A conference focusing on managing urban parks for people, plants and wildlife

- To explore methods of successfully managing parks for both wildlife and people
- To discover how to create appropriate wildlife experiences
- To learn about ways to make natural environments accessible to all
- To consider the value and role of green spaces in helping cities adapt to climate change

20 May 2008,

Venue: London

[Places to Go?](#)

Organiser: Play England

Play England is holding a major national conference to promote place-shaping, safer streets and sustainable transport for a child-friendly public realm. The conference, hosted with partners Sustrans, Living Streets and the National Children's Bureau, will explore the opportunities represented by The Children's Plan and address some of its challenges. It will present policy and practice for professionals in planning, landscaping, play, school travel, public health, traffic and transport. It will explore links between the twin imperatives of creating a public realm that is enjoyable, healthy and accessible to children, and environmentally sustainable.

<http://www.playengland.org.uk/events>

14 June [International Play Safety Conference](#)

Venue: Holywell Park, Loughborough University
Organiser: RoSPA

Links used in the above diary of events

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=1575>

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=2272>

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=2288>

<http://www.countrysiderecreation.org.uk/>

<http://www.renewal.net/Preview.asp?Ref=/RNET/Event%20Item/Healthsafeprosperous.doc&doctype=Event>

http://www.sensorytrust.org.uk/news/conferences/ask_reading.html

<http://www.ascskills.org.uk/pages/news-and-events/events/details?events.General.id=57F617D7-F8B8-4663-8E25-AE87372886AF>

<http://www.green-space.org.uk/conference/WIC.php>

http://www.playengland.org.uk/Page.asp?originx_8176fl_16565876814445i52r_20081244132p

<http://www.rospa.com/play/>

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