



RECENT TDAG EVENTS

Seminar held on 18th July 2024

The presentations, recording and meeting 'chat' will be put on to the TDAG website under 'Past Events' as soon as possible after today's seminar along with our other past events.

See: <https://www.tdag.org.uk/past-events.html>

NEXT TDAG EVENTS

Local authority investment and financing of trees and GI for multiple benefits

24th September, 2-4pm BST on Zoom

Final details will be published shortly. You can register here: https://bham-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsf-itrgtEtLgjkHznziSD_0iOc86Jx3Q

EVENTS BY OTHERS

Arboricultural Association Annual Amenity Conference

9th-11th September, Coventry

A varied format allows you to learn first-hand knowledge from our speakers with interactive workshops sessions, field trips and networking activities. All offering a chance to get closer to the groundbreaking innovations and research, leaving you inspired and refreshed. See: <https://www.trees.org.uk/Amenity-Conference>

Tree Law Conference

17th September, London

This year's full-day event is a conference of two halves. The morning focuses on hot tree topics such as damage caused by trees, subsidence and heave, planning law and trees and what the Supreme court says on Japanese knot weed. After lunch the afternoon has a Mock Mediation. What really goes on and how does the mediator get the parties to settle.

For tickets see:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tree-law-conference-2024-tickets-815137567407#:~:text=Tree%20Law%20Conference%202024%20Tickets,2024%20at%2009%3A30%20%7C%20Eventbrite>

National Urban Design Conference – Towards a new urban renaissance

19th-21st September, Plymouth

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the publication of the Urban Taskforce report, "Towards an Urban Renaissance,". It was commissioned by the UK government and led by architect Sir Richard Rogers. It was written to address the pressing issues of urban decay and to promote a revitalized approach to urban development.

There followed on a series of initiatives. What was the impact of these initiatives, what lessons can be learned, and what should be done now?

See: <https://www.udg.org.uk/events/2024/national-urban-design-conference-2024>

Future Green City World Congress

23rd-26th September, Utrecht

More than 3000 experts from around the world will share their passion and knowledge about the liveable green city with a future here. The programme is filled with inspiring sessions and trips.

See: https://fgc2024.com/?trk=public_post-text

Greener Cities: Improving Ecosystem Services in a Climate-Changing World

25th-29th September, RHS Wisley

RHS Science Team are hosting III ISHS Green Cities Symposium at RHS Wisley 25-27th September. An exciting program of talks by delegates from 15 countries worldwide is being prepared.

Keynote speakers – Dr Fraser Torpy (UTS, Australia), Prof Diane Pataki (Arizona State University, USA), Prof Stephan Pauleit (TU Munich, Germany), Mr Felix Loh (Gardens by the Bay, Singapore) and Mr Philipp Nedomlel (Heatherwick Studios) – will be delivering talks spanning from urban trees to indoor planting and much more in between. For draft programme see:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/green-cities-2024>

In addition to full 3-day symposium registration, one-day tickets are now available.

Please join us and spread the word about the event to your professional networks!

Call for papers: Healthy City Design 2024 International Congress

15th-16th October, Liverpool

This year's theme is 'Building a fairer future: Advancing health equity through impact investment'.

See: <https://www.healthycitydesign.global/>

National Tree Officers Conference

6th November, Leeds

Developed by tree officers for tree officers, National Tree Officers Conference 2024 will be a unique gathering for professionals interested in all areas of local authority arboriculture. The conference is crucial to tree, woodland and planning officers, providing a significant platform for collaboration, partnerships, benchmarking and offering an insight into current best practice and research.

See: <https://www.charteredforesters.org/event/national-tree-officers-conference-2024>

Biophilic Design Conference

12th November, London

An exploratory day on the benefits of biophilic design for people and planet where we can all come together from design, construction, planning, government, think tanks, associations, healthcare, education, urban design, policy, media – with a party in the evening in the conservatory.

See: <https://journalofbiophilicdesign.com/biophilic-designconference>

SOME CURRENT TDAG ACTIVITIES

National House Building Council (NHBC)

We are working with the NHBC and the Arboricultural Association on foundation design for low rise buildings on shrinkable soils with a view to updating NHBC Standards Chapter 4.2 (<https://www.nhbc.co.uk/builders/products-and-services/techzone/nhbc-standards>)

Canopy cover

We are still working on our First Steps in Urban Tree Canopy Cover and this may be in two parts: 1) strategic issues and 2) site specific issues. Deanne Brettle, University of Birmingham, is leading the work on this.

Guide for Community Group Tree Planting with the National Trust for the Urban Forest Accelerator

This is a partnership project between the National Trust, Woodland Trust, and Community Forest Trust. It is designed to respond to local councils and communal needs, by improving urban green-space through the encouragement of tree planting, communications, and community engagement

CONSULTATIONS

BS5837

Our understanding is that the reviewed 5837 with, we understand, some amendments to 8545 will be available for consultation later in July. TDAG will circulate all details once we have them.

NEW PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION

With thanks to the Natural Cambridge Partnership, TCPA, GIP and others

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Greenspace toolkit republished

This is a 'toolkit' designed to support the assessment of whether localities are providing sufficient green spaces, of the right kind, in the right places, to promote the well-being of local people.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GteteZaPWxs>

Nature for All is a project from the Scottish Environment Link

This is designed to provide guidance and tools on equality, equity and inclusion within the nature conservation and wider environmental sector. The aim is to help create outdoor spaces that are more accessible to every member of society.

See: <https://www.scotlink.org/link-campaigns/nature-for-all/>

Green Infrastructure Resource Library, Green Infrastructure Partnership

The term 'green infrastructure' is used to refer network of natural features that deliver benefits for people in urban and rural areas. The Green Infrastructure Resource Library is a long-standing database of documents, case studies, videos, tools and other information about green infrastructure and its benefits, created for the Green Infrastructure Partnership by specialist Ingo Schüder.

It has been updated again this month.

See: <https://gipartnership.org.uk/gi-resource-library/#:~:text=The%20Green%20Infrastructure%20Resource%20Library,It%20is%20free%20to%20use>

Embedding the environment in neighbourhood plans

Neighbourhood Planning is an integral part of the planning system in England. Written by the Environment Agency, Forestry Commission, Historic England and Natural England, this guide sets out how to consider the natural and historic environment when making a Neighbourhood Plan. See: <https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/How-to-consider-the-environment-in-Neighbourhood-plans-2021.02.26.pdf>

Kew Gardens podcasts on the biodiversity crisis

See: <https://unearthed.lnk.to/natureneedsuspu>

What to expect from COP29

See: <https://www.cisl.cam.ac.uk/cop29-policy-briefing>

The importance of trees to bats

See: <https://forestrycommission.blog.gov.uk/2024/05/22/the-importance-of-woodland-and-trees-to-uk-bats/>

Tree equity- identifying the areas in greatest need of investment in trees. See:

<https://uk.treeequityscore.org/>

Developer guide to nature

See: <https://eic-uk.co.uk/news/blog/nature-and-biodiversity-a-guide-for-development>

RESEARCH

The potential of urban trees to reduce heat-related mortality in London

See: <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-9326/ad3a7e>

Urban green and blue spaces are good for our hearts

See: <https://news.feinberg.northwestern.edu/2024/07/12/the-heart-health-benefits-of-urban-green-and-blue-spaces/>

Green physician toolkit

See: <https://www.rcp.ac.uk/media/0lppfhw/rcp-green-physician-toolkit.pdf>

Summer solstice triggers synchronised beech tree reproduction

See: <https://news.liverpool.ac.uk/2024/03/13/summer-solstice-triggers-synchronised-beech-tree-reproduction-across-europe/>

Just looking at nature makes you feel good

See: <https://besjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/pan3.10648>

Elm trees may be making a comeback

See: <https://theconversation.com/disease-has-killed-most-of-the-uks-elm-trees-since-the-1960s-but-there-are-signs-they-may-be-making-a-comeback-231778>

TREE MAPPING

Mapscape: an update from David Winlo

Integrate 'new technology' into tree planting and establishment

To improving long-term tree planting and establishment success rates, Mapscape offers a UKRI Award-Winning software solution, that includes automated project costing that surpasses traditional manual methods, revolutionising tree planting management.

Choosing the right tree, preparing the site effectively, and developing a comprehensive post-planting re-inspection care plan, are easy-to-use software features, that offer new service opportunities, grant application support and community engagement on the Cloud.

This Tree Planting software system has just won further support from The University of Liverpool, to include Carbon Storage Net Zero Projections for New Tree and Hedge planting. If you have a Community Woodland, Tree Planting Strategy or Urban Forestry Project that requires modern tools to bring

environmental improvements, come and find out how digital mapping and automation will enhance your Tree Planting and Establishment projects, cost-effectively at any scale.
See: <https://www.mapscape.co.uk/tree-planting/>

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