

Falkirk Greenspace Initiative

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Falkirk Council

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Venue

The Falkirk Wheel, Lime Road, Tamfourhill, FK1 4RS

Easy access onto canal towpaths for walkers and cyclists and bike park at The Wheel. Nearest stations at Falkirk Grahamston and Falkirk High. First Bus No 3 Red Line runs every 15 minutes from stops close to both stations. Extensive free car park.



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Falkirk Council's Greenspace Initiative is overall winner of the Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning for 2012/13. The Council with its principal partner, Central Scotland Forest Trust, has organised this one day Conference to tell the story of how the visionary Greenspace Initiative transformed a neglected, post-industrial landscape into a continuous well-wooded and accessible greenspace.

Why you should come

The event offers an opportunity to hear how the initiative developed, and to take an in-depth look at key elements of a partnership-led project, looking at what was done and how it was achieved. The importance of greenspace is recognised in the nationally important Central Scotland Green Network and is of increasing importance to the planning, place making and health agendas.

The methodology applied to deliver the project is one that can be adopted by any local authority seeking to transform the local environment into an accessible resource for local people and an attractive, landscaped framework for housing and business.

Highlights

Role of the development plan - strategic policy and detailed proposals.

Partnership working - key agencies, landowners and the community.

Sustainable development - achieving quality greenspace in new housing development.

Access and sustainable travel - creating and improving links for pedestrians and cyclists.

Climate change - new woodland, improving ecology and tackling flood risk.

Engaging landowners - cycling at Callendar Estate, greenspace at Forth Valley Royal Hospital.

Major associated projects - The Falkirk Wheel, The Helix, Lowland Canal Network and Antonine Wall.

Maintaining interest and momentum - amongst partners, politicians, funders, community.

The Future - taking greenspace forward into the Falkirk Greenspace Strategy.

This event will take you through the journey with key players talking about how it was done, what has worked well and lessons and strategies for the future.

The guided afternoon Bus Tour will let you see some of the highlights and hear from many other partners and participants.

Who should come

This event will be of interest to practitioners from planning and related backgrounds.

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Conference Programme

- 09.15** Registration and Coffee
- 09.45** Welcome to Falkirk
Councillor Adrian Mahoney, Portfolio & Spokesperson for Culture & Leisure, Falkirk Council
- 09.50** Chair's Introduction
Craig McLaren, National Director, RTPI Scotland
- 10.00** Background and Continued Relevance
Simon Rennie, Chief Executive & Director, Central Scotland Forest Trust
- 10.15** Providing a Framework for Development and Investment
Alan Rodger, Planning & Environment Manager, Falkirk Council
- 10.30** Health and Greenspace – Exemplar at Larbert, Forth Valley Royal Hospital
Tom Steele, Director of Strategic Projects & Property, NHS Forth Valley
- 10.45** Questions and Discussion
- 11.00** Coffee
- 11.15** Callendar Estate - Crossing Boundaries - Delivering Multi Functioning Greenspace
Guy Wedderburn, CM Solutions
- 11.30** Bluespace and Greenspace - Improving the Links
Richard Millar, Head of Enterprise, Scottish Canals
- 11.45** The Access Perspective
Ron McCraw, Scottish Natural Heritage
- 12.00** Questions and Discussion
- 12.15** Reflections and Where to Next
Alan Rodger, Planning & Environment Manager, Falkirk Council
- 12.25** Summary from Chair and end of Morning Programme
- 12.30** Lunch
- 13.30** Afternoon Programme - Bus Tour commences
- 16.15** Bus Tour finishes

Afternoon Bus Tour (leaving from and returning to The Wheel)

Highlights include :

Falkirk Stadium

South Falkirk - Callendar Estate

The Helix

Forth Valley Royal Hospital

