

CaBA Environmental Benefits for Urban Communities



Conference & Workshop – 22nd October 2015

The Priory Rooms, Birmingham

Summary Programme

Registration	9:30am
Welcome and plenary	10:15am
Best Practice Showcase <i>(6x five minute 'pitches' in each 30 minute section)</i>	
1) Engagement, communications & partnership working	10:30am
2) Strategic tools/approaches	11:00am
<i>Tea & Coffee Networking Break</i>	<i>11:30am</i>
3) Help and guidance for urban practitioners	12:00 midday
4) Practical delivery of interventions	12:30pm
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>1:00pm</i>
Introduction to Workshop	1:45pm
Carousel Workshop <i>(each person spends 25 mins on 4 of 6 tables)</i>	2:00pm
<i>To include a tea & Coffee Networking Break (20 mins)</i>	<i>2:50pm</i>
1) Strategic targeting and design of interventions	
2) The urban practitioner's toolbox	
3) Partnership working, engagement and communications	
4) Community mobilisation and sources of funding	
5) Assessment and communication of benefits	
6) Barriers to delivery and knowledge gaps.	
Closing statements	4:00pm
<i>Close</i>	<i>4:15pm</i>

Detailed Programme

Best Practice Showcase

1) Engagement, communications & partnership working

10:30am

- **Shaun Maskrey (Uni of Notts)**
Building a community understanding of flood risk through participatory modelling
- **Michelle Walker/Dave Johnson (Rivers Trust/CaBA)**
CaBA National Support Team: providing mentoring, training, data & evidence, tools and guidance to CaBA partnerships across England and Wales
- **Kevin Barton (RBA)**
The 'Host Community' approach to retrofit SuDS: Getting Community support for SuDS installations by adopting a holistic design approach with the local community.
- **Polly Bryant (SERT)**
Using volunteers from a Catchment Partnership to investigate the effects of storm tanks on water quality in the Hogsmill River
- **Helen Spring (London Wildlife Trust)**
'Demystify' SuDS – engaging communities along the course of the culverted River Effra with simple, household scale ways to work with nature to reduce flood risk.
- **Helen Batt (EA – formerly River Stewardship Company)**
The Sheffield Business Improvement District: sourcing investment from businesses to deliver improvements in flood defence, amenity and biodiversity

2) Strategic tools & approaches

11:00am

- **Dr Jessica Lamond (BlueGreenCities)**
A Blue-Green City aims to recreate a naturally-oriented water cycle while contributing to the amenity of the city by bringing water management and GI together.
- **Dr Stuart Kirk (Defra)**
An introduction to the Defra Ecosystem Services in Urban Water Environments Project.
- **Paul Shaffer (Ciria)**
The BeST (Benefits of SuDS Tool): an evaluation tool supporting practitioners in evaluating benefits of a drainage proposal
- **Tricia Rice (NE)**
The Ecosystem Services Transfer Toolkit Urban Section: an evidence based literature review that assesses the effects of specific management actions on ecosystem services.
- **Bryan Cosgrove (Red Rose Forest)**
Green Infrastructure for Water: taking a strategic approach to the targeting of green infrastructure in Manchester.
- **Kevin Barton (RBA)**
Feasibility audits and funding scoping for SuDS and Green Infrastructure in urban landscapes.

Tea & Coffee / Networking Break

11:30am

3) Help and guidance for urban practitioners

12:00 midday

- **Peter Bide**
Planning advice and guidance in support of integrated water management.
- **Paul Shaffer (Ciria/Susdrain)**
Susdrain: providing guidance, information, case studies, videos, photos and discussion forums to aid the planning, design, approval, construction and maintenance of SuDS.
- **Claire Johnstone (EA)**
Guidance, resources and tools to facilitate benefits assessment and cost-benefit analysis – the CaBA Benefits Assessment Advisory Group
- **Rob Collins (Rivers Trust/CaBA)**
The role of the Catchment Based Approach Urban Working Group – a sub-group of the CaBA National Support Group in supporting urban catchment partnerships.
- **Michelle Walker (RT/CaBA)**
Citizen Science and volunteer monitoring are fundamental data gathering and engagement tools to engage local communities in identifying and delivering solutions.
- **Martyn Evans (NRW)**
Help & guidance resources supporting the implementation of robust natural resources management and sustainable drainage in Wales

4) Practical delivery of interventions

12:30pm

- **Katherine Causer (Irwell EA Catchment Coord.)**
Green Infrastructure solutions to urban water issues in the North West – The Street Trees Project.
- **Andy Graham (WWT)**
Practical examples of SuDS delivery, including: SuDS case studies, SuDS for Schools and the CaBA SuDS Guidance Pack
- **John Brewington (Severn Trent Water)**
The Birmingham Urban Demonstrator – Turning the vision into reality.
- **Paul Chapman (Lewisham Council)**
A Local Government approach to what drives river restoration – an example from Lewisham
- **Polly Bryant (South East Rivers Trust)**
Lessons learnt from delivering a weir removal and channel re-meandering project in a highly urban setting in south London.
- **Julie (Trent Rivers Trust)**
Retro-fit SuDS in the Soar Catchment and an educational model.

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Facilitator: Paul Shaffer (Ciria)

2) The urban practitioner's toolbox of interventions

Facilitator: Martyn Evans (NRW)

3) Partnership working, engagement and communications

Facilitator: Michelle Walker (Rivers Trust)

4) Community mobilisation and sources of funding

Facilitator: David Johnson (Rivers Trust)

5) Assessment and communication of benefits

Facilitator: Claire Johnstone (EA)

6) Barriers to delivery and knowledge gaps.

Facilitator: Peter Bide (Independent)

Concurrent activities (throughout the day)

Make your pitch

Tell us the story of your project or case study and we will disseminate it following the event so you can continue to network with other members of the urban practitioner community and catchment partnerships.

At any point during the Conference & Workshop you can come and record your contribution – your 'pitch', either in writing or on video..! It doesn't matter whether you gave pitch in the morning session – you may have several other examples that you wish to showcase to people – just come over and tell us what you did, why, what you achieved, lessons learnt, etc...

Swap Shop

We want everybody who comes to the Conference & Workshop to make an offer (or offers) to the other delegates and to the urban practitioner- and catchment partnership- communities more widely.

It doesn't matter what it is – it could be time, help, training, case studies, resources, information, mentoring, data or evidence, but we want you to make an offer.

In return, we want everybody to also tell us what things they feel they are lacking or what they feel they might need that would help them move forward in their work in urban environments/landscapes. We will then try to connect people who have complimentary offers and needs together – it's a swap shop..!