

Seminar: Securing our urban forests of the future

This seminar will bring together key organisations in the urban forestry sector, as well as sharing best practice from across the globe.



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- Wednesday 2 May 2018
- 9:30am arrival; 1pm – 2pm Networking lunch; 2-3pm Optional pre-booked walking tour of The University of Manchester Tree Trail
- The Grand Hall, Whitworth Art Gallery, Oxford Road, Manchester M15 6ER

Tickets are £25 + VAT + fees which includes a networking lunch. Limited free places for students and the Greater Manchester Forest Partnership. Email sarah@cityoftrees.org.uk for details.

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Event programme

09:30am	<p>Arrival and registration Tea, coffee and juice served</p>	
10:00am	<p>Pete Stringer, City of Trees <i>City of Trees: Growing more Trees for Greater Manchester</i></p>  <p>Pete will introduce the City of Trees movement and its mission; as well their plans for ground-breaking greenprint 'All Our Trees'.</p>	<p>Pete has a wide range of experience in Green Infrastructure planning, delivery and research.</p> <p>An important part of his work is to facilitate research collaborations with Universities in Greater Manchester, such as i-Tree and Howard Street to help provide the key evidence needed for demonstrating the role that GI plays in climate change adaptation and social benefit.</p> <p>Pete is also responsible for developing plans that provide a strategic focus for where GI is most needed to address needs such as flooding and air quality.</p>
10:10am	<p>Chris Waterfield, General Manager – Smithills Estate, Woodland Trust <i>The Smithills Estate – the Northern Forest starts here!</i></p>  <p>Chris will be sharing an update on progress as well as actions to come from The Woodland Trust's flagship Smithills Estate in Bolton.</p>	<p>Prior to working for the Woodland Trust Chris worked for the Forestry Commission for 15 years across the north of England first on the Newlands Programme of derelict land restoration and then as a Field Manager in Yorkshire and the North East and then as their Partnerships and Expertise Manager in the North West of England. He is currently leading the team delivering a Heritage Lottery Funded project hoping to reinvigorate the Smithills Estate through local enterprise and community engagement.</p>

<p>10:30am</p>	<p>Philip van Wassenauer, B.Sc. Environmental Sciences, Master of Forest Conservation, Urban Forest Innovations Inc. <i>Planning for Sustainable Urban Forests</i></p>  <p>Urban forests are complex and dynamic entities. Changes (e.g., intensification, climate) and unforeseen events (e.g. droughts, pest infestations, disease) are inevitable and must be planned for in order to maintain a viable urban forest. Philip will outline a strategic planning framework used to prepare numerous Canadian urban forest management plans (UFMPs), and present it as a model applicable to any community interested in sustainably managing urban forest resources.</p>	<p>Philip is the principal consultant for Urban Forest Innovations, Inc., which specializes in the preservation, enhancement, and management of the urban forest using a research- and science-based approach. He is an ISA Certified Arborist, member of ASCA , a Past President and Director of the Ontario Urban Forest Council and a 2009 recipient of the ISA True Professionals of Arboriculture Award.</p>
<p>11:10am</p>	<p>Alexander Satel, Urban Forest Innovations Inc. <i>Planting in hard spaces: Innovative solutions from across the globe</i></p> 	<p>Alex is an ISA Certified Arborist and a graduate of the Master of Forest Conservation (MFC) program from the University of Toronto Faculty of Forestry, and has been an urban forestry and arboricultural consultant with Urban Forest Innovations Inc. since 2009.</p> <p>During that time, he has played an integral role in the development of arborist reports, tree inventories and advanced tree risk assessments. Alex has also undertaken the development</p>

	<p>As global urban populations continue to rise, cities are increasingly densifying and allowing less room for trees to grow. Innovative solutions are now required to successfully integrate trees into urban landscapes. Alex will review the successes and shortcomings of several solutions, based on instructive case studies from North America and beyond.</p>	<p>of numerous strategic urban forest management plans for communities in Ontario and beyond, and assisted communities with Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) management planning and program implementation.</p>
<p>11:50am</p>	<p>Charlotte Markey, Database Research & Lead Management, GreenBlueUrban <i>Reducing long-term management costs through high quality specifications</i></p>  <p>Charlotte will be explaining how the correct installation and appropriate tree planting has a direct impact on the long term success of projects and development and establishment of the urban forest. Using case studies to illustrate, she will explain how this is key not only for the health of the trees, but also pavement integrity and stormwater function.</p>	<p>Charlotte has a background in urban planning and is passionate about sustainable urban drainage innovations to maximise the co benefits of implementing green and blue infrastructure schemes in the hard landscape. She works across the public and private sector divide to engage stakeholders and communities. She provides specialist CPD training for Local Authorities and supports a number of organisations such as TDAG and City of Trees. She also sits on the Green Infrastructure Sounding Board, hosted by the TCPA.</p> <p>Charlotte works on EU funded Interreg projects including Water Resilient Cities.</p>
<p>12:10pm</p>	<p>Scott Fitzgerald, Managing Director, Urban Green Space Ltd <i>Interacting with our urban forest in a digital era</i></p>	<p>Scott is Managing Director and Founder of Manchester-based Urban Green which was established in 2005 initially as a tree consultancy but has since evolved to become a multi-disciplinary environmental consultancy.</p> <p>Having worked for nearly 25 years in the arboriculture industry, his experience is extensive and varied.</p>

	 <p data-bbox="389 712 1007 931">Scott will be sharing insights from recent projects where social media has been used successfully to engage both the public and partners leading to a greater understanding and appreciation of urban trees.</p>	<p data-bbox="1031 228 1477 707">In addition to the typical day-to-day tree consultancy work, Scott has pioneered new services such as interactive tree trails and reports. Combining his tree knowledge with an interest in digital advances, he is passionate about challenging conventions to help engage and educate a wider audience about the importance of trees.</p>
12:25pm	<p data-bbox="389 972 1436 1048">Summary & Q&A session <i>A round up of the day so far and a question and answer session with speakers</i></p>	
12:45pm	<p data-bbox="389 1084 1018 1160">Close <i>Final summary and close of the formal session</i></p>	
12:50 – 2:00pm	<p data-bbox="389 1196 1061 1272">Networking lunch <i>Sandwiches, salads, crisps, juice and water served</i></p>	
2 – 3pm	<p data-bbox="389 1308 1358 1420">Walking Tour: University of Manchester Tree Trail <i>Pre-booked places only; hosted by Pete Stringer, City of Trees and Scott Fitzgerald, Urban Green.</i></p>	

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