



Biographies

**Green Connect Conference**

**Breaking the Mould: Managing Parks in a Changing World**

<b>Speakers</b>	
<p><b>Cllr Danielle Radice</b></p> <p><b>Bristol City Council</b></p> <p><b>Bristol Green Capital 2015</b></p> <p><b>Conference welcome</b></p>	<p>Daniella is a Green Party Councillor for Bishopston ward on Bristol City Council. She was elected in 2013 and has been the Green representative as Assistant Mayor on Bristol City Council since December 2014. Her Neighbourhoods portfolio includes public health, council housing, waste, environmental services, neighbourhood partnerships and libraries. Since being elected she has served on planning, the health and wellbeing board, neighbourhoods scrutiny as well as taking part in Bristol’s recent constitutional review.</p> <p>Before being elected she spent her time bringing up her children and on community campaigns, as well as raising the profile of the Green Party in Bristol. She was the only female candidate in the 2012 Bristol Mayoral election. Daniella has worked as an environmental advisor in the rail and waste industries, and started off her career working for the Environment Agency.</p>
<p><b>Mark Camley</b></p> <p><b>Director of Park Operations and Venues Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park</b></p> <p><b>The London Legacy Development Corporation and Chair of The Parks Alliance</b></p> <p><b>Conference Speaker</b></p>	<p>Mark joined LLDC in January 2012, and led the successful re-opening of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park over a number of phases, including re-opening Stadium in 2013, concerts in the Parklands, and an innovative cultural programme. The Park achieved Green Flag a year earlier than planned and had almost 4m visitors in its first full year of operation.</p> <p>Prior to joining LLDC, he was CEO of The Royal Parks for over six years, where he led the parks in gaining Green Flag, developed an investment programme to tackle maintenance backlog of the building stock, and introduced new events like Winter Wonderland. Before this his career was in administration of courts and as a Government Statistician. He was Director of the Supreme Court for England and Wales immediately prior to becoming CEO of The Royal Parks.</p>
<p><b>Lydia Ragoonanan</b></p> <p><b>Nesta</b></p> <p><b>Programme Manager Rethinking Parks</b></p> <p><b>Conference Speaker</b></p>	<p>Lydia is Programme Manager for the Rethinking Parks programme, a joint Heritage Lottery Fund, Big Lottery Fund and Nesta venture which is exploring new business models for public parks. Before joining Nesta, Lydia worked as Principal Strategist for the New Zealand Transport Agency, provided risk assurance for the airport operator BAA, was a Private Secretary at the Department for Education and Skills, and a policy advisor specialising in schools’ resourcing at the Ministry of Education in New Zealand.</p>

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<b>Workshop Leaders</b>	
<p><b>Scott Sullivan</b> <b>Thames Chase Trust</b></p> <p><i><b>Nesta Project:</b></i> <i><b>Eastbrookend</b></i> <i><b>Rekindled</b></i></p>	<p>Having developed his experience over six years across several local authorities and an environmental charity, Scott now works as an independent consultant. He worked at Thames Chase Trust for 18 months on secondment from Thurrock Council before becoming a consultant and has continued to work with the Trust on the Nesta funded project. He is a Chartered Town Planner and combines this professional training with his wider experience to offer fundraising and project management services to clients.</p> <p>He is working on the Nesta Rethinking Parks project Eastbrookend Rekindled and is currently preparing a Stage 2 HLF Landscape Partnership bid, both with the Thames Chase Trust and its partners.</p>
<p><b>Andrew Jackson</b> <b>Heeley Development Trust</b></p> <p><i><b>Nesta Project:</b></i> <i><b>Heeley Park</b></i> <i><b>Subscription Society</b></i></p>	<p>Andy leads on strategy and development for Heeley Development Trust. The Trust was set up 18 years ago and is a small community development charity in inner city Sheffield.</p> <p>He has over 20 years' experience of Asset Transfer, Asset Redevelopment, Community Ownership, Funding and Managing Community Facilities and Greenspaces.</p>
<p><b>Simon Goff</b> <b>Burley Borough Council</b></p> <p><i><b>Nesta Project:</b></i> <i><b>Go to the Park</b></i></p>	<p>Simon has been with Burnley Borough Council for 25 years and is the Head of Green Spaces and Amenities.</p> <p>Previously, Simon has worked in a commercial nursery and for a community forestry with a project in Sri Lanka.</p>
<p><b>Ben Coles</b> <b>Groundwork London</b></p> <p><i><b>Nesta Projects:</b></i> <i><b>Rethinking Parks</b></i> <i><b>Darlington and</b></i> <i><b>ParkHack</b></i></p>	<p>Ben Coles is Director of Community and Environmental Programmes at Groundwork London, one of the recipients of the Nesta Rethinking Parks funding. Ben manages all of the community and landscape improvement programmes across London, working with a team of community engagement specialists, community gardeners, landscape architects and volunteer coordinators. He also manages all of Groundwork's corporate partnerships in London, co-designing a large number of successful corporate-charity partner programmes to improve existing, and create new open spaces in the capital.</p>
<p><b>Fraser Bridgford</b></p> <p><i><b>Nesta Project:</b></i> <i><b>ParkWork</b></i></p>	<p>Fraser is the Project Leader for the Nesta funded Rethinking Parks 'ParkWork Bristol' project. He is a committee member and past Chair and Vice Chair of Bristol Parks Forum who has been actively campaigned and fundraised for Parks and Green spaces in Bristol since arriving in the city in 2004. He is also co-chair of the Bristol European Green Capital Nature Wildlife and Green Spaces Action Group and chairs his local Neighbourhood Partnership.</p>



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<p><b>Michael Rowland</b> <b>Bournemouth Borough Council</b></p> <p><i><b>Nesta Project: Coastal Parks &amp; Gardens Foundation</b></i></p> <p><b>Workshop Leader and Green Connect Associate</b></p>	<p>Michael has been working with Bournemouth for around ten years now, starting off with green space policy and planning, then slowly picking up landscape design and management, countryside &amp; conservation, sports, allotments and capital projects.</p> <p>Before being with Bournemouth he worked in East Sussex, Dorset and Surrey doing lots of different jobs including volunteering in countryside management, being a rights of way officer and developing greenways and trails. He has a degree and post-grad qualification in Conservation and Ecology.</p> <p>Michael is also an associate of Green Connect and was fortunate to gain a CABI Space Design Skills Scholarship in 2008. He lives in Bournemouth, has three children and enjoys being outdoors as a much as possible.</p>
<p><b>Green Connect Associates</b></p>	
<p><b>Karen Hughes</b> <b>Director Green Connect</b></p>	<p>Karen has substantial green space sector experience including strategic and development work and project management.</p> <p>She has developed strategies and successful funding bids for all parts of the sector; supported community groups in parks; managed capital investment and grant aid budgets; negotiated for Section 106 contributions and new green spaces with developers; managed outdoor events and managing and developed the SW Forum for the charity GreenSpace.</p> <p>She also has a keen interest in horticulture and environmental issues and a degree in Regional Economic Development with Environmental Studies.</p>
<p><b>Peter Wilkinson,</b> <b>Director The Next Field Ltd</b></p> <p><b>Green Connect Associate</b></p> <p><b>Conference Chair</b></p>	<p>Peter has been an Associate of Green Connect since April 2014 and was previously Chair of GreenSpace South West from the regional forum's inception in 2003 until the national charity GreenSpace was wound up in March 2013.</p> <p>Now living close to the surf and moors of North Devon, he is a multi skilled parks and green spaces professional, with 25 years of sector experience. The first half of Peter's career was in countryside management and community forestry including posts with Exmoor National Park and Somerset Wildlife Trust, with the last 13 years in urban park management at Bristol City Council.</p> <p>In 2010 Peter established <i>The Next Field Ltd</i>, a green spaces business consultancy that provides a range of specialist green space strategy, planning and management services. See <a href="http://www.thenextfield.co.uk">www.thenextfield.co.uk</a>. Peter also sits on the South West Forestry and Woodlands Advisory Committee, with a social forestry and Green infrastructure remit.</p>



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<p><b>Jim Hardcastle</b></p> <p><b>Marketing Manager Groundwork South</b></p> <p><b>Green Connect Associate</b></p>	<p>Jim has recently taken up a new role with Groundwork South but prior to this he provided digital marketing training and consultancy for a wide variety of public and private sector organisations helping them to communicate more effectively.</p> <p>He understands a lot about parks and protected landscapes as he worked in that sector for many years; he has looked after parks and countryside areas in London, Bristol and the Mendip Hills AONB. Through all of these he has fine-tuned ways of involving people through facilitation work, training, strategic planning and practical marketing.</p>
<p><b>Ali Rasey</b></p> <p><b>Countryside Officer Wiltshire County Council</b></p> <p><b>Green Connect Associate</b></p>	<p>Ali Rasey joined Wiltshire Council in October 2010 as Countryside Officer in the Rights of Way &amp; Countryside Team. The team oversees 30 countryside sites including country parks and local nature reserves, and works closely with Friends groups, local communities and other volunteers.</p> <p>Prior to this she worked for the Bat Conservation Trust, most recently on investigations work and biodiversity issues. Ali started her career in a Surrey local authority in the Planning Policy team, focusing on ecology, conservation, and landscape issues. Outside work Ali is a Trustee for a community farm.</p>