

Making Places Last Sustainable Housing and Communities

November 7th 2018

The MAC Birmingham, UK

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E-Silicon Valley Vision From Event Chairman

“I am delighted to be Chairman of the fourth staging of the Sustainable Communities event at the MAC in Birmingham on November 7th. It has built a reputation in bringing together numerous agencies all working one way or another to make the West Midlands a Self Made Place. It also acts as a shop window to showcase the innovation that is enabling us to make the essential changes to the ways our communities function. Our region has indigenous skills in designing and providing solutions to problems. As the revolution intensifies to move us to an era of low carbon societies based on a cyclic economy, the transformation creates new market demands. These can be met by local entrepreneurial businesses thereby generating home-grown economic and social benefits. This event acts as a stimulant to create an e-version of Silicon Valley right here in central England.” **Beverley Nielsen, Director, Institute for Design and Economic Acceleration**



Revelation from Circular Economy Club

We are delighted Dr David Greenfield of the Circular Economy Club has agreed to be one of our speakers in November and that the organisation has become a support network for our event. In early February, CEC Mapping Workshops were held in 67 cities around the planet. In Birmingham the Workshop was organised by Lydia Dutton, Loop and Debbie Ward, Clugston and sponsored by architects Chetwoods, and the multi-discipline engineering consultancy Cundall who hosted at their splendid offices on Colmore Row. The report of circular economy activity in action generated from the event makes very interesting reading, with the global summary due from the CEC in April. Click below for report.

SESSION OUTPUTS - YOUR INPUT APPRECIATED AHEAD OF TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY

Groups and Networks survey from CANWM

After a highly successful launch of the [Climate Action Network West Midlands](#) Big Lottery funded project, its project coordinator Julian Todd has joined the advisory group for our November event.

Further info on CANWM can be found [here](#). Places on their series of free to attend specialist workshops can be booked [here](#). Their useful listing of climate, sustainability and conservation groups and networks in the West Midlands can be seen [here](#)

Suez Comes Aboard

We are delighted to welcome the recycling and recovery corporate, Suez as a new key sponsor for our event.

Look out for more announcements on more sponsors as we seek to meet the request that the 2018 event is free to all delegates.

Focus On Critical Materials

We are delighted to welcome as a speaker Peter Slater, Professor of Materials Chemistry from the University of Birmingham's relatively new but already globally recognised **Centre for Strategic Elements and Critical Materials**, now added to our growing list of support organisations. Professor Slater is much involved in researching battery development and recycling.

Partnership and Collaboration Key To The Future



“Over the next two decades we are going to see influential changes to our communities. Our attitude needs to be one of partnering and collaborating to ensure that communities have their say in these changes. Our influence to support these challenges will only be successful if our communities are on board. The housing growth strategy, energy provision and generation of energy, digital inclusion and the continued pace of technological advancement will change the way communities live and grow. When communities come together it is powerful and influential, a great example of this are the communities surrounding Grenfell. Those communities have put themselves forward to influence the future for the betterment of future generations. That support needs to be developed now. Engagement and consultation in a proactive strategy can only be a positive and creative opportunity that will sustain and unite the future.

Paul Dockeril, Director of Energy and Programme Management **wha**

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