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RTPI Centenary 2014: This year, the RTPI is 100 years old! To celebrate, we will be holding a series of events and projects across the RTPI regions and nations, to look forward to the future of planning, as well as to celebrate our rich history and past experience. As part of the Centenary, the RTPI Research team will be launching the [Planning Horizons](#) project, which will unfold during the year so [watch this space!](#) To learn more about the RTPI Centenary, see the [RTPI Centenary Timeline for the last hundred years of town planning in the UK](#), read about [our history](#), upcoming [RTPI Centenary projects](#) and the [RTPI Centenary projects near you](#).



Prospects for Cities: RTPI Research has recently published its second briefing paper on '[Prospects for cities](#)'. This paper is based on two [ESPON projects](#) – [Secondary Growth Poles and Territorial Development](#) and the [Case for Agglomeration Economies](#) – and focuses on case studies of Leeds and Manchester to explore approaches to growth being taken beyond London.



Social Justice in Water Planning in Australia: [Planning Theory & Practice](#) has recently published a new article on indigenous water values, and the challenges for social justice in water planning in Australia's Northern Territory. The article is [free to download](#) online.

Call for Entries for the RTPI Planning Excellence Awards: The RTPI is welcoming entries for the 2014 [Planning Excellence Awards](#), which will be

held on 23 June 2014. The Planning Excellence Awards celebrate the contribution that planners and planning make to society by highlighting exceptional, inspiring examples of planning over the past year. You can view last year's winners and shortlisted entries in our [2013 awards brochure](#). The [award categories for 2014](#) are available online, and all winning and shortlisted entrants will receive an Awards logo for use on their own promotional materials. To [register your interest](#), check out our [guidance for entrants](#). Entries are now open and will close on 31 January 2014.

Call for Proposals

Risk in Health and Social Care: The British Sociological Society's [Risk and Society Study Group](#) is hosting a [study day](#) that will focus on risk in health and social care, and the politics, theories and practices on this. This event will take place on 28 February 2014. The study group is [welcoming abstracts](#) that are broadly related to this theme, as well as on the contribution of social theory to the analysis and understanding of risk practices and their impact. Theoretical, methodological and empirical papers from any discipline relevant to the health and social care field are welcomed. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words, and should be [submitted](#) by 17 January 2014.

Other Publications

Routledge Companion to Urban Regeneration: This book explores recent conceptual, policy and practical developments in the field of urban regeneration. With contributions from 73 international experts across the globe, [The Routledge Companion to Urban Regeneration](#) considers the meaning of urban regeneration in different national contexts, providing informed discussion and analyses by drawing out common themes and significant differences, and highlighting potential transferable lessons for good practice. *Please note: This is a repeat announcement from the last bulletin, as the previous link referred to the wrong book.

Urban Retrofitting for Sustainability: Routledge is publishing a book on urban retrofitting and its importance in transitioning to a low carbon and sustainable future by 2050. [Urban Retrofitting for Sustainability: Mapping the Transition to 2050](#) brings together interdisciplinary research from leading experts to focus on key issues, such as financing tools, governance, energy and water management, to see how these can be implemented in real cities by 2050. The book is based on some of the research from the [EPSRC Retrofit 2050](#) work.

Other events

Future Learning from Palaeoclimate: The [University of Reading](#) is launching its [Centre for Past Climate Change](#) in a lecture on how palaeoclimate studies can help us model and predict for future climate and environmental change. The lecture, [Palaeoclimate: Learning from the past to](#)

[understand the future](#), will be given by Prof [Dominik Fleitmann](#), who will demonstrate how palaeoclimate reconstructions can help reduce current uncertainties surrounding the nature and rate of future climate change and its impact on society. This event is free to attend, though [registration is required](#). The lecture will take place in London on 9 January 2014.

Childcare and Work in the Modern Family: In this talk, [Nick Pearce](#) will be discussing childcare and family policy, arguing that Britain should follow Nordic examples of universal childcare and shared parenting, and that family policies should strive for gender equality, greater equality in early childhood development and for full employment to raise living standards. This event forms part of IPPR's [Ideas on the 3rd Floor Programme](#), and is free to attend (though [registration is essential](#)). The event will take place in Newcastle on 21 January 2014.

Film Screening: The Human Scale: [The Human Scale](#) follows [Jan Gehl](#) in his quest to examine the current and future challenges posed by increased urbanisation, including the influence of peak oil, climate change, loneliness and increased health issues related to our lifestyles. The documentary gives insights from thinkers, architects and urban planners across the globe, to explore how modern cities can better take human needs into account, and to see what happens when people are put into the centre of planning. The [trailer](#) is available to view online and Jan Gehl will be present for a discussion following the film. Tickets to attend cost £10-£15 and the screening will take place at the Hackney Empire in London on 23 January 2014.

Conference: Developing a Stronger Voice: The January Manifesto citizens group and IPPR North are organising a [January Conference](#) to address the disconnectedness that many people in the North East region feel towards the centralised decisions that are being made in London. The conference aims to formulate answers and actions to two key questions: (1) can efforts be co-ordinated to combat poverty and inequality in the North East, and (2) can a 'North East Citizens Assembly' be developed to implement these efforts? Small discussion groups will also take place to discuss how citizens can encourage improvements in health, wages, social attitudes, regeneration and housing. The conference is free to attend, though [registration is required](#) (deadline is 20 January 2014). The event will take place at the Centre for Life in Newcastle on 28 January 2014.

Sustainability 2020: The [Sustainable Development Research Network](#) (SDRN) is organising its [annual conference](#), which will be focussing on the Millennium Development Goals and the UK's sustainability commitments for 2020. The conference will consider the progress the UK's in achieving these goals and whether we have the right tools, research programmes, policies and approaches to do so. The conference is free to attend, though [registration is required](#). The event will take place in London on 28 January 2014.

Karl Marx Walking Tour: A series of London walking tours is being organised around the life of Karl Marx, explaining his ideas and their influence on human destiny, how they inspired protests, rebellions, revolutions, terrorism and war. The walks will take place around the Soho area in London, where Marx lived and worked. The walks [require pre-registration](#) and take place every Sunday until 23 March 2014.

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Planning for Housing in England: The RTPI has now launched the first research report from the [Small Projects Impact Research](#) (SPIRe) scheme. The report, '[Planning for Housing in England](#)', examines recent changes in household formation rates and their implications for planning for housing. The research, conducted for the RTPI by Neil McDonald and Peter Williams from the [Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research](#), suggests how planners and others might respond to these changes. For further information, see the [Full Report](#) [PDF] or read the [Research Briefing](#).



Policy Report on Transport Infrastructure: This month, the RTPI has published a policy report on [Capturing the Wider Benefits of Investment in Transport Infrastructure](#). The report aims to widen the current debate on transport infrastructure, arguing for greater use of strategic and integrated planning in guiding decisions about transport infrastructure provision, and to promote greater understanding of the role of transport infrastructure in delivering the kinds of places where people want to live, work and invest. For further information, see the [Full Report](#) [PDF] and [News Release](#).



Online Learning Resource for RTPI Members: The RTPI has now launched [RTPI Learn](#): a new virtual learning site, which offers a convenient and exciting way of fulfilling continuing professional development commitments. RTPI

members have free access to the online learning resource, which offers around [15 hours of learning per module](#), currently covering topics related to 'viability', including development economics, climate change, public engagement in planning and infrastructure delivery planning. For more information about RTPI Learn, please email the [RTPI Learn Team](#).

Towards an Integrated Research Agenda for Housing: Last month, the RTPI, supported by the [Economic and Social Research Council](#), organised a research seminar on promoting the UK housing research agenda at the University of Sheffield. The seminar, [Planning Successful Places: Towards an Integrated Research Agenda for Housing](#), looked at a range of perspectives on the existing (and lacking) evidence base on UK housing issues in order to explore the potential for an inter-disciplinary research agenda for planning and successful 'place-making'. The seminar was organised around six presentations on a diverse range of topics, which were then followed by a discussion with the audience. For further information, read the [Summary Report](#) and download the [presentations](#) given that day.

RTPI Blogs: Read the latest [RTPI blog](#) entries, including: [A planner's impressions of China](#); [Low carbon urbanisation in China](#); [Planning research for policy and practice: The importance of supporting planning's theoretical basis](#); [Water and planning: The fluid challenge](#) (a reflection on the recent World Town Planning Day online conference) and [How can planning more effectively promote growth](#). The full list of recent blog entries can be read on the [RTPI Blog](#) webpage.

Call for Entries for the RTPI Planning Excellence Awards: Entry is now open for the [RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence](#). This will be following on from last year's highly successful event by highlighting exceptional examples of planning and celebrating the contribution that planners and planning make to society. Awards will be rewarded in various [award categories](#) (guidelines on how to submit are available [online](#)). The final date for submissions is 14 February 2014.

Call for Proposals

Building Resilient Communities and Territories: The [Regional Studies Association](#) (RSA) is organising a European Conference on [Diverse Regions: Building Resilient Communities and Territories](#) in Izmir (Turkey) on 15-18 June 2014. There is currently a call for papers to present at the conference, with contributions on themes related to resilience, sustainability and economic growth and development. For details on abstract submissions, see the [terms and conditions](#) and the [submission guidelines](#). The deadline for submission (and for Early Bird conference tickets) is 24 February 2014.

*Please note: The [RSA Global Conference 2014](#), which takes place in Fortaleza (Brazil) on 27 April 2014, will also be looking at building resilient territories and for this event, the [abstract submission](#) deadline is 23 February

2014.

Multidimensional Evaluation in Urban Environment: Call for individuals or groups to submit papers to be presented at the third International Conference on [Econometrics and Multidimensional Evaluation in Urban Environment](#) (EMEUE). This workshop will be held in conjunction with the 2014 [International Conference on Computational Science and its Applications](#) (ICCSA), and will take place at the University of Minho (Portugal) on 30 June – 3 July 2014. The workshop will primarily focus on multidimensional approaches in urban economics, adaptive decision-making, multidimensional appraisal and econometrics, alongside other [conference themes](#). Accepted contributions will also be published in the [Springer-Verlag Lecture Notes in Computer Science volume](#). Submitted papers will be independently reviewed by three programme committee members, and selected papers will be notified in April 2014. The deadline for [full paper submission](#) is 28 February 2014.

Other Publications

Planning Theory & Practice: The interface of the current [Planning Theory & Practice](#) Journal edition is entitled [Finding Hope in Unpromising Times: Stories of Progressive Planning Alternatives for a World in Crisis](#). The various articles highlight the kinds of alternative planning practices that are being practiced globally, in response to the tendencies of injustice, systemic exploitation and neoliberalism. The interface is [free to download](#) and other articles covered in this edition of Planning Theory & Practice can be accessed [online](#).

Addressing Housing Quality in the Private Rented Sector: This IPPR North paper gives an overview of the private rented sector as it exists today, looking at changing patterns of occupancy, the growth of the housing benefit submarket, and what the tenure means for tenants themselves and the neighbourhoods that they help shape. [Back to Rising Damp? Addressing housing quality in the private rented sector](#) highlights the broader policy issues that the debate is currently failing to recognise, and offers four recommendations to respond to these challenges.

Free Open Access Books: A number of academic books relating to environmental sciences and other topics have been made available for free online through the Open Access publishing scheme [Knowledge Unlatched](#). Knowledge Unlatched has been supported by a grant from the [Higher Education Funding Council for England](#) and book topics on the environment are currently in the pilot stage, include climate change, environmental democracy, the role of natural forests in carbon storage and environmental writing. The books can be accessed for free on the [Directory of Open Access Books](#).

GDP: A Misleading Measure of National Success? This new article in [Nature](#) critiques the use of gross domestic product (GDP) as a measure of national success and highlights the opportunity that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) offer instead. [Development: Time to leave GDP behind](#) argues that GDP is a misleading measure because it mainly measures market transactions, and fails to take social costs, environmental impacts and income inequality into consideration. With the UN scheduled to announce the [SDGs by 2015](#), it urges countries to act now to develop integrated measures of progress attached to these goals, as not doing so would condone growing inequality and the continued destruction of the Earth's natural capital.

The Social Impacts of Housing Undersupply on Young People: This report explores various social impacts of the undersupply of housing on young people. Based on a survey of young people and intergenerational interviews with young people and their parents, [No Place to Call Home: The Social Impacts of Housing Undersupply on Young People](#) illustrates that the undersupply of housing is holding young people back in terms of life aspirations, starting a family, professional ambitions, relationships with parents and partners, security and control, and community belonging. The report provides a number of policy responses and new ideas to create pathways towards homeownership for young people.

Other events

Conference: Creating a More Resource Efficient Europe: [Friends of the Earth](#) is organising a one-day conference on how resource use can be better managed and measured to help improve the resilience of the economy and create a more resource efficient Europe. The conference, '[The Four Footprints in Policy and Practice](#)', will particularly look at how the four footprints (i.e. carbon, water, land and material) are already being successfully used in business and beyond. The event will bring together policy-makers, academics, campaigners and experts who are already seeing the benefits of using the footprint approach. The event is free to attend (though [registration is required](#)) and will take place in Brussels (Belgium) on 11 February 2014.

Challenges for UK Energy Policy: The [UK Energy Research Centre](#) (UKERC) and [Imperial College Energy Futures Lab](#) will be hosting a lecture, which will be given by [Charles Hendry](#). In his lecture, Hendry will be discussing the policy challenges facing the UK energy sector. [This lecture](#) is planned to be the first in a series of energy lectures from UKERC and the Energy Futures Lab, and it is free to attend (though [registration is required](#)). The lecture will take place in London on 13 February 2014.

Power and Inequality in Rural Britain: At this Cafe Politique event, organised by IPPR North, Prof [Mark Shucksmith](#) will examine power and inequality in rural Britain, arguing that our idyllic view of rural areas blinds us

to the hidden poverty and social exclusion which threatens one in three people. [Whose Countryside? Power and inequality in rural Britain](#) will provide space for people to think and share ideas, as the floor will be opened for comment and inclusive discussion following the talk. This event is [free to attend](#), and will take place in Newcastle on 17 February 2014.

The Design Dimension of Planning: In this [lecture](#), Prof [Matthew Carmona](#) will look back over the last 20 years of UK planning, to investigate the policy and development context for delivering better quality design in the built environment. The lecture will be loosely based on his most recent book, [Capital Spaces: the multiple complex public spaces of a global city](#), and will look at the relation between urban governance processes and the public aspiration for better design quality, to discover whether the public sector can legitimately influence design for the better, and if so, how? The lecture forms part of [UCL's Centenary Lecture Series](#), and is free to attend (though [registration is required](#)). The lecture will take place in London on 27 February 2014.

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Planning Schools Research Directory: The RTPI has spent the last few months updating its research webpages. Recently added is the [Planning Schools Research Directory](#) page, which provides information on current research that is being carried out by accredited RTPI planning schools. The RTPI will also be regularly updating its [Featured Research](#) pages, where current interesting research projects and events will be shared on a regular basis. If you would like to feature your latest research on our website, please contact research@rtpi.org.uk. **Please note:* this applies to accredited planning schools only.



RTPI Centenary Blogs: The RTPI has launched a [Centenary Blog](#) page, which will act as a central hub for policy news and event coverage. The latest blogs include: [The floods – do we need a planning revolution?](#), [HS2: 2B or not 2B? - The Great Debate](#), [The wider benefits of investment in transport infrastructure](#) and [Planning for Housing in England – using the latest official household projections well](#). New blogs will be added regularly, and if you would like to submit a blog, contact the [RTPI research team](#).



Up and Coming Policy Issues: The RTPI had recently released a podcast in which [Richard Blyth](#), RTPI Head of Policy and Practice, discusses what's on the policy horizons for the RTPI and planning practice. To listen to the podcast, see the [RTPI Briefing Room](#) podcast pages.

Call for Proposals

Call for Abstracts: Making Cities Liveable Conference: This year's [7th Making Cities Liveable Conference](#) will be addressing some of the long term challenges for the future development of our cities, including the need to be affordable, accessible, healthy, safe, sustainable and resilient. The conference, which will be held in Kingscliff (Australia) on 10-11 July 2014, is currently seeking speakers to share their knowledge and present at the conference. Authors/ organisations interested in submitting a paper or presenting a workshop at the conference are invited to [submit the abstract online](#), outlining the aims, contents and conclusions. The deadline for submission is 3 March 2014.

Planning Thought Award: The '[Evolution of Planning Thought](#)' project is seeking four early career planning scholars for the Planning Thought Award. Recipients of the award will participate in a symposium in Vienna on 19-24 May 2014, to review book chapters, interview authors and contribute to an Interface article in the journal [Planning Theory & Practice](#). The award also includes a one-year FREE journal subscription to Planning Theory & Practice. Further details on [how to apply](#) are provided online and the submission deadline is 10 March 2014.

Call for Abstracts: Workshop on Lifecourse Transitions: Abstracts are invited for a two-day workshop to be held at the University of Surrey on 15-16 July 2014. [Lifecourse transitions: opportunities for sustainable lifestyles?](#) will be examining the best approach to understanding how lifecourse transitions (e.g. having a child, moving home or retiring) affect everyday habits, routines and practices. The organising committee is currently seeking theoretical and empirical contributions from a variety of disciplines which explore the experiences of those undergoing lifecourse transitions, and aspects of sustainable everyday practices and lifestyles. Abstracts of no more than 250 words can be [submitted online](#) and the deadline for submission is 14 March 2014.

Call for Evidence: Onshore Wind Farms and Tourism Impact: [Northumbria University](#) is carrying out an independent study into the tourism implications of onshore wind farm developments. The University is seeking research-informed data on the positive and negative impacts, with particular interest in UK examples and case studies that may include changes in visitor numbers, occupancy rates and turnover. The closing date to [submit evidence](#) is 22 March 2014.

Volunteers Needed: The [National Centre for Research Methods](#) (NCRM) is looking for postgraduate volunteers to help run the [6th ESRC Research Methods Festival](#) at St Catherine's College in Oxford. The festival will take place on 8-10 July 2014 and the NCRM are offering free Festival attendance,

UK travel, meals and accommodation for volunteers in exchange for assisting presenters, attendees and the Festival team in the smooth running of the event. The [deadline to apply](#) is 28 March 2014.

Call for Abstracts: Future Pedagogy Conference: This year, [The Bartlett](#) annual conference on pedagogy will look at Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and their effectiveness in spreading knowledge broadly. [MOOCs, E-Learning and Beyond: Exploring the future of virtual built environment teaching](#) will explore the place of innovative digital technologies in built environment pedagogy, and the conference will take place at the UCL on 1 July 2014. The conference organisers are currently inviting speculative papers, presentations and debate proposals from any discipline, particularly those reviewing existing case studies on MOOCs and other learning platforms relating to built environment education. [Further information](#) on the call for abstracts is provided on the event website, and the deadline to [submit abstracts](#) is 16 April 2014.

Other Publications

What is Inclusive Research? This book takes a close look at inclusive research and all it entails. [What is inclusive research?](#) outlines how to recognise it, understand it, carry it out and know when it is done well. In doing so, the book reveals the areas of overlap and distinctiveness in relation to participatory, emancipatory, user-led and partnership research, as well as the different practices within each of these inclusive approaches.

Film: Enough is Enough: Based on the [best-selling book](#), this film lays out an alternative to the endless pursuit of economic growth, to try and achieve genuine prosperity and a hopeful future for all. The film explores specific strategies to fix the financial system, reduce inequality and create jobs, featuring interviews with leading economists, politicians and sustainability thinkers such as [Tim Jackson](#), [Kate Pickett](#), [Andrew Simms](#), [Natalie Bennett](#), and [Ben Dyson](#). The film also includes illustrations by cartoonist Polyp. The film is free to [view online](#).

Reforming Childcare to Support Mothers Into Work: This report by the [Institute for Public Policy Research](#) (IPPR) explores the factors behind maternal employment in the UK. [Childmind the gap: Reforming childcare to support mothers into work](#) especially examines the pivotal role of affordable, accessible childcare in supporting mothers who want to work, or who want to work more. The report includes a number of recommendations for priorities that the UK should be working towards to improve the affordability and accessibility of childcare in the UK.

Other events

Architecture and Design in a Different World: As part of a season of exhibitions and events inspired by BBC's [The Brits Who Built the Modern World](#), the [Royal Institute of British Architects](#) (RIBA) and the [Twentieth Century Society](#) are hosting a public talk on [Overseas Experiments: Architecture and Design in a Different World](#). In this event, Bill Mitchell will talk about his adventures and experiences of traveling around the world to promote British architecture and construction. The talk will be introduced by Mike Althorpe, who will discuss early post war architectural exports. This is a ticketed event and advanced [booking is required](#). The event will take place in London on 4 March 2014.

**Please note:* The RIBA is currently also hosting an exhibition on the global influence of British architecture and its role in redefining the world's cities between 1950 and 2012. [The Brits Who Built the Modern World: 1950 – 2012](#) is free to attend and will run until 27 May 2014.

The Limits of Formal Planning: The [International Society of City and Regional Planners](#) (ISOCARP) is organising a Regional Workshop on the [Limits of Formal Planning in Managing the Urban Development](#) on 10-12 April 2014 in Lodz (Poland). The workshop will examine the nature of planning, and what happens when the rapidly changing reality of cities exceeds the planning system capacity. The workshop will particularly look at the tension between free market development and government intervention in European transition countries, and whether the planning system was meeting the requirements of managing the cities through the post-socialist transition period. Lodz will be examined as a case study, to discover how it is handling its urban projects. If you would like to attend the workshop, please complete the [registration form](#) before 7 March 2014.

The Big Society: Localism and the Future of Social Housing: The third and final seminar of the [Big Society seminar series](#) will consider the impact of changes to social housing provision in the UK, and new organisational and business models that are being used to respond to these changes. [The Big Society, Localism and the Future of Social Housing](#) will look at whether there is a role for community and non-profit housing sectors within the future of social housing, and if so, what lessons they can offer for the housing association sector. The two-day seminar is free to attend (though [registration is required](#)). The event will take place in St Andrews on 13-14 March 2014.

BRAINPOoL Final conference: Bringing Alternative Indicators into Policy (BRAINPOoL) is a 2.5 year EU-funded project investigating the barriers to and the opportunities for the use of Beyond GDP indicators. In their final conference, [Beyond GDP - from measurement to politics and policy](#), BRAINPOoL will present its key findings from the project, followed by considerations how to apply the lessons learnt. Particularly, the conference will look at how Beyond GDP can help develop an election-winning political narrative, and how a more integrated and innovative approach to policy-making can be achieved. Discussion will focus on two major policy areas:

achieving the green economy and labour market policy. The event will take place in Paris on 24 March 2014, and is free to attend (though [registration is required](#)). The deadline for registration is 17 March 2014.

RSA Conference: Developing Socially Productive Places: The [Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce](#) (RSA) is organising a conference on how public and private investment can best contribute to social and economic productivity and strengthening local communities. [Developing socially productive places](#) will look at how capacities beyond community consultation can be developed, to expand the skills for place-making and focus on how investment in the built environment can advance existing social and economic networks. The conference will seek to foster collaboration between sectors to suggest new policies, practices, tools and institutions. In each of three topics of inquiry, experts and practitioners will present a series of provocation speeches followed by discussion seminars. This event is free to attend, though [registration is required](#). The conference will take place in London on 2 April 2014.

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Planning Theory & Practice: Special RTPI Centenary Issue: The latest issue of Planning Theory & Practice, [Vol 15, no. 1](#), marks the Centenary year of the RTPI. This Special Issue opens with an [Editorial](#) by Trudi Elliott, and the [Interface](#) includes the following articles: 'Critical perspectives on the past and potential of professional planning: Professional Planning 100 years on – Have we emancipated communities?' by [Kelvin MacDonald](#); 'Celebrating the idea of planning' by [Bishwapriya Sanyal](#); 'The role of planning in the twenty-first century and beyond' by [Mitchell Silver](#); 'Deadly sins? Living dreams!' by [Mee Kam Ng](#); 'Turning the 'beast of ugliness' into 'places of beauty' through sustainable development' by [Peter Head](#); 'What professional planning must contribute to ensure sustainable development' by [Katie Williams](#); 'Will the profession speak out? Winners and losers in the future African city' by [Vanessa Watson](#); and 'The academy and the planning profession: Planning to make the future together?' by [Heather Campbell](#). These articles are all free to read [online](#).



Supporting Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth: As the UK ESPON contact point, the RTPI has recently posted a new report which outlines [ESPON](#) results which may support European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) activities in the UK. The report, [Evidence from ESPON to support smart, sustainable and inclusive growth](#), is useful for any regional or local decision-makers who wish to promote the objectives included in smart growth: from



strengthening research and development and innovation, to promoting social inclusion and combating poverty. The [full report](#) is free and available to read online.

Launch of The Planner and The Planner Jobs Websites: The RTPI has launched two exciting new websites that offer additional online planning services: The Planner website (www.theplanner.co.uk) and the Planner Jobs website (<http://jobs.theplanner.co.uk>). [The Planner](#) features alongside [The Planner magazine](#), and offers members enhanced news and online content, including additional features and articles; and [The Planner Jobs](#) website will be the place to find new planning jobs and to advertise and attract great candidates for vacancies. Although the Planner website will be available to members only, it will be open access to everyone for a limited time only! So make the most of this opportunity and explore the breath of content available on www.theplanner.co.uk.

RTPI Centenary Blogs: Read the latest [Centenary Blog](#) entries, including: [The role of planning in preventing needless mortality](#), [Planning Practice Guidance: An overview](#), [Lessons from Europe for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in the UK](#), [Possibilities for filling the strategic planning void: Local Enterprise Partnerships and alternative strategic mechanisms](#), [New residential development: Are incentives the answer?](#), [The RTPI North East Centenary Reception](#) and [Thinking internationally: My experience of studying planning in China](#). New blogs are added every week, and if you would like to submit a blog, please contact the [RTPI research team](#).

RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence 2014: Join over 400 other planning and built environment professionals in celebrating and rewarding outstanding achievements in planning. The [RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence 2014](#) will take place on 23 June 2014, and will reveal the very best planning projects, strategies and processes, individuals and teams that help make great places. Tickets are still available, but selling quickly (£35/£30 group tickets) so [book your ticket](#) online now.

RTPI Planning Convention 2014: The RTPI's [Planning Convention 2014](#) offers an excellent opportunity for planning professionals to debate and discuss the huge challenges we face in the future. This year's programme covers key issues in housing, infrastructure, economic growth and health. The conference will take place on 24 June 2014 and will speakers will include [Anil Menon](#), Professor [Michael Parkinson](#) and [Tony Travers](#). Tickets can now be booked [online](#).

Call for Proposals

Call for Papers: Travelling Ideas about Open Space Design and

Planning: This conference will examine the themes, values, methods and challenges that are current in Nordic urban space design and planning beyond the immediate branding effect. [Nordic Encounters: Travelling Ideas about Open Space Design and Planning](#) will look at how general ideas about improving cities migrate and mutate, and the potentials and losses of producing traditions in open space design and planning. The conference will take place in Copenhagen (Denmark) on 12-13 June 2014, and the organisers are inviting papers on [three key tracks](#). The deadline for [abstract submission](#) is 1 April 2014.

Call for Abstracts: Governing Sustainability Transition Processes: The [Regional Studies Association Research Network](#) is welcoming papers to be presented and discussed at the second workshop on [governing sustainability transition processes](#) at the University of St. Gallen (Switzerland) on 10-11 July 2014. The workshop will look at the transformation processes required for technologies, industries and lifestyles at the regional scale, in order to determine how best to govern these inter-scalar efforts and the impact chains that exist in the hierarchy. Papers that address these issues are welcomed, and the conference organisers are explicitly encouraging contributions by practitioners. Details on [how to apply](#) are available on the website, and the submission deadline is 15 April 2014.

Call for Papers: Evaluations of the 2014 EU Cohesion Policy: This [RSA workshop](#), hosted jointly by the [University of Economics](#) and the [Czech Evaluation Society at the Charles University](#), aims to identify the impacts of EU Cohesion Policy and how to increase its efficiency. The workshop will take place in Prague (Czech Republic) on 10 June 2014. The [workshop on the evaluations of the EU Cohesion Policy in 2014+](#) will investigate the effectiveness, impacts and added value of academics working on EU Cohesion Policy, as well as practitioners working with this policy in order to improve knowledge and the application of evaluation results in practice. The organisers are inviting theoretical and empirical contributions to [selected themes](#). The deadline for [abstract submissions](#) is 22 April 2014.

**Please note: The deadline is 22 April, not 31 January 2014 as stated on the website.*

Call for Papers: UK-Ireland Planning Research Conference: The RTPI and [Oxford Brookes University](#) are organising the [Annual UK-Ireland Planning Research Conference: 100 Years of Planning](#) on 9-11 September 2014. The Conference will provide a leading forum to discuss contemporary planning issues and the position of the planning profession in the 21st century. It will also celebrate the centenary of the Royal Town Planning Institute, with a dedicated session on 100 Years of Planning. Papers are invited on a range of [planning themes](#) and the deadline for [abstract submissions](#) is 1 May 2014.

Calls for Abstracts: International Urban Design Conference: Submissions

are now open for papers and workshop presentations for the [7th International Urban Design Conference](#) in Adelaide (Australia) on 1- 3 September 2014. The conference theme, 'Designing Productive Cities', will look at the process of designing and shaping cities to make them more functional, attractive and sustainable, particularly in terms of affordable housing, compact design, diversity and designing for a rapidly growing ageing population. Details on how to [submit your abstract](#) are available on the website, and the submission deadline is 30 May 2014.

Publications

An Industrial Strategy for the Creative Industries: This [IPPR](#) report looks at the role that the creative industries play in the UK economy and labour market. [March of the modern makers: An industrial strategy for the creative industries](#) argues that the UK government has largely overlooked the significance of these industries and examines how better investment, commissioning policies, tax reliefs, regional support and export promotion, amongst others, could maximise the UK's existing comparative strengths across the creative industries.

Healthy Cities: Public Health Through Urban Planning: This book looks at the significant role that the urban built environment plays in shaping our health and well-being. [Healthy Cities: Public Health through Urban Planning](#) conceptualises the 'urban health niche' approach to public health and healthy-city planning, as a way of integrating the diverse and multi-level health-determinants in city systems. The book also examines the origins of public health and city planning, drawing upon the shifting paradigms of epidemiology.

Shaping Neighbourhoods for Local Health and Global Sustainability: This second edition publication focuses on the localism agenda in planning and the role that urban environments plays in reducing the burden of disease and supporting better health outcomes. [Shaping Neighbourhoods For Local Health and Global Sustainability](#) offers a guide the underlying principles for planning healthy and sustainable neighbourhoods and towns, including the collaborative and inclusive processes needed for multi-sectoral cooperation, how to develop the know-how and skills in matching local need with urban form and discovering new ways to integrate development with natural systems and guiding communities and advise developers in the creation of successful and sustainable places for living.

A Fair Deal on Migration for the UK: This report brings together the last five years of ideas and research on migration by the IPPR. [A fair deal on migration for the UK](#) recommends a set of proposals and position statements that address different aspects of migration which, taken together, constitute a manifesto on migration policy for the next decade in which migration policy plays a key part in efforts to build a fairer, stronger and more prosperous

society.

Events

UCL Centenary Lecture: Networked Regions and Cities: The Bartlett is organising a lecture in which [Maarten Hajer](#) will be discussing the development of smart, sustainable, inclusive cities. [Networked Regions and Cities in times of fragmentation: Developing smart, sustainable, inclusive cities](#) is free to attend, though [registration is required](#). The lecture will take place at the UCL in London on 27 March 2014.

Bookings Open: 6th ESRC Research Methods Festival: Registration for the [6th ESRC Research Methods Festival](#) at St. Catherine's College in Oxford is now open. The Festival will take place on 8-10 July 2014, and will offer a varied programme with over 50 sessions and 200 presenters. Key note speakers include [Gary King](#), [Sharlene Hesse-Biber](#) and [Douglas Harper](#). The [programme](#) is available online and [early bird tickets](#) (£45 student/£60 non-student) are available till 11 April 2014.

The Planning Project: Past, Present and the Future: In this one day seminar, [Richard Blyth](#), Dr [Hugh Ellis](#), [Corinne Swain](#) OBE and Prof [Stephen Ward](#) will discuss three key questions: why do we need planning? Are planning institutions fit for purpose? And what might the future look like for cities and planning? The four speakers will be joined by [14 panellists](#) from the academy and practice, including Dr [Roberta Blackman-Woods](#) MP. The [seminar](#) is part of GURU-RTPI centenary and will be followed by the Thomas Sharp Public Lecture, in which Professor Sir [Peter Hall](#) will present the key arguments from his new book [Good Cities, Better Lives](#). Attendance to the seminar and lecture is free, though [registration is required](#). The events will take place at Newcastle University on 22 May 2014.

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Call for Evidence: RTPI Policy Paper on Strategic Planning:

The RTPI is producing a [policy paper](#) on strategic (larger than local) planning. We are interested to know whether any researchers can point to evidence on the following matters:

1: 'Strategic thinking is necessary': i.e. running local areas on their own does not work.

2: 'Top down approaches do not work well': e.g. problems with the public not getting behind regional planning and RDAs in England; people need to choose their own areas for cooperation.

3: Observation: 'Failure to link up across subject areas means you achieve nothing': i.e. no point in having strategic planning if the different subjects (e.g. economic and land use planning) are not coordinated.

4: 'Failure to establish strong links with local politics means people don't buy into what you decide'

5: 'Failure to establish strong links with business means that claims that the exercise is relevant to jobs and growth ring hollow'

We are especially keen on evidence from Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, but English evidence is also very useful. Responses to these matters can be submitted via [e-mail](#). The deadline for submission is 16 May 2014.



The RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence 2014:

The [RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence](#) highlight and celebrate exceptional examples of planning and the contribution that planners and planning make to society, inspiring others to achieve the same high standard. The RTPI has recently announced the [shortlist of entries for 2014](#). This year, a record-breaking 63 projects, consultancies and Local Authority teams will be competing to win across ten categories. Overall category winners will be decided by 25 judges drawn from across the profession, and the Chair of judges will be Sir [Terry Farrell](#). Tickets for the ceremony are selling quickly, but tickets are still [available online](#). The RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence will take place in London on 23 June 2014.



Ticket Sales for the Planning Convention 2014: The [Planning Convention 2014](#) is an excellent opportunity for planning professionals to debate and discuss the huge challenges we face in the future. This year's [programme](#) will include many [influential speakers](#) addressing major issues, including how to deliver quality as well as quantity in housing, how we build healthier communities and how to overcome the real constraints upon economic growth, such as infrastructure and market failure. Expert practitioners will discuss what these challenges will mean for the quality of life for communities in different parts of the UK. Tickets for the Planning Convention 2014 are now [on sale](#). The conference will take place in London on 24 June 2014.

RTPI Centenary Blogs: Read the latest [Centenary Blog](#) entries, including: [The worldwide value of planning: thoughts from the World Urban Forum](#); [Power to the cities?](#) and [National Networks National Policy Statement - Planning with borders](#). New blogs are added every week, and if you would like to submit a blog, please contact the [RTPI research team](#).

Call for Proposals

Call for Papers - New Geographies of Development: The editors of the [Territory, Politics, Governance](#) journal are calling for papers that address new configurations of territory, sovereignty and governance, in the context of "[new geographies of development](#)." The editors are particularly interested in papers that cover renewed developments in the global South, as well as those that examine the restructuring of the North Atlantic welfare state. The call for paper and details on how to submit are available [online](#).

Call for Papers - Master Class on EU Cohesion Policy: The [European](#)

[Commission](#), the [Committee of the Regions](#) and the [Regional Studies Association](#) are organising a Masters Class held as part of this year's [2014 Open Days](#) in Brussels (Belgium) on 6-9 October 2014. The organisers are calling for PhD students and early career researchers to apply to present at the ODU-MC, which will focus on current research on the EU cohesion policy and European regional and urban development. The [call for papers](#) should cover themes related to the reform(s) of EU cohesion policy, its impact on EU regional and urban development, building administrative capacity and partnerships at the local level, and/or the challenges for European Territorial Cooperation. The [submission procedure](#) and [application form](#) are available online. The deadline for submission is 16 May 2014.

Call for Abstracts - International Urban Design Conference: The organisers of the [7th International Urban Design Conference](#) are calling for abstracts for papers to be presented at the conference in Adelaide (Australia) on 1-3 September 2014. The conference is themed "Designing Productive Cities" and will explore the framework required for creating today's cities, and the process of designing and shaping our cities to make them more functional, attractive and sustainable. Authors or organisations interested to present a paper or workshop can [submit abstracts](#) on the following topics: visualisation, strategic planning, whole city thinking, urban design projects, urban informatics / smart cities, active transport, international design, construction and financing for compact cities. Further details are available on the [conference website](#) and the deadline for [abstract submission](#) is 30 May 2014.

Call for Abstracts - Green Walls Conference: [Staffordshire University](#) is organising its first International Conference on Green Walls in Urban Areas on 4-5 September 2014. The conference organisers are currently [calling for abstracts](#) for talks and posters that address new product developments and insights in the green wall sector. A [list of presentations](#) that have already been accepted is available on their website, as are the details on how to submit your abstract. The deadline for abstract submission is 15 June 2014.

Exhibit at the Regen 2014 Exhibition and Conference: The [Regen 2014 Exhibition and Conference](#), which is being held in collaboration with [Liverpool Vision](#), and as part of the [International Festival for Business 2014](#), has recently announced its [conference speakers and exhibitors](#). Spaces are still available for those who would like to [exhibit](#) their company's/cities work on regeneration, however with [application details](#) available on the conference website. Both the Exhibition and Conference are free to attend, but [registration is required](#). The Regen 2014 Exhibition and Conference will take place in Liverpool on 25-26 June 2014.

Other Publications

Sustainable Food Systems - Building a New Paradigm: This book critically examines the contributions and interventions that are necessary to build a new, integrated framework to address agri-food sustainability. Building on over ten years of ESRC funded theoretical and empirical research, [Sustainable Food Systems: Building a New Paradigm](#) explores the linkages between research, practice and policy in the evolving food security problems of today- not only in terms of food quality, but also its source, vulnerability and the unsustainability of current systems of production and consumption. The book looks at how these linkages can help contribute to creating more sustainable, resilient and justly distributive food systems to feed the world by 2050.

New Issue - Land Lines: The latest edition, [Vol.26, No.2](#), of the [Land Lines quarterly magazine](#) is now available online. Featured topics include: Education, Land, and Location; How Community Land Trusts Are Supporting Urban Agriculture; the Window Tax; and Chicago's spatial history (1913–2010). The articles can be downloaded for free [online](#).

The Future of England: The Local Dimension: This [IPPR](#) publication examines the connection that English people have to their local areas, including their trust in local institutions and their views on having more devolution of power to the local level. More specifically, [The future of England: The local dimension](#) explores what English people think about their local area and the way in which it is governed and to what extent they perceive that there are limits to 'English localism'.

Other events

Green Sky Thinking Week: [Open-City](#) is celebrating '[Green Sky Thinking](#)': a week long, London-wide events programme that highlights innovative thinking and practice on the built environment, property and how to 'design in' sustainability for London. The event [programme](#) will offer 54 informal on-site or live project talks, tours, seminars, and roundtable discussions which provide an independent and direct platform from which to showcase actual best practice and thinking. All events are free to attend, though [registration](#) for each event is essential. Green Sky Thinking Week will take place in London on 28 April – 2 May 2014.

Strategic planning in England in the Era of Localism: The [Bartlett School of Planning](#) is hosting a seminar on strategic planning, and how it works in the Era of England's Localism. Dr [Valeria Lingua](#) will be giving the seminar, focussing particularly on the duty to cooperate in the process of preparing local plans, and whether it offers a viable mechanism for strategic planning. [Strategic planning in England in the Era of Localism](#) will be addressing the challenges that this poses, particularly for housing at a beyond-local level and in "under-bounded" districts; the (re)defining of sub-regional boundaries; and

the need for rebuilding governance structures and new mediating skills for planning officers and members involved in the process of planning across boundaries. This seminar is free to attend- no need to register. The event will take place in London on 29 April 2014.

Creative Placemaking Revisited: For this final Centenary Lecture of the [Bartlett School of Planning](#), Prof. [Ann Markusen](#) will be focussing on creative placemaking, arguing that planners and policymakers lack fundamental knowledge about arts and cultural dynamics that would improve urban planning, resource allocation and inter-governmental policy-making. [Creative Placemaking Revisited: A Forward-looking Research Agenda](#) will explore the urban missions of arts and culture, the location and spatial behaviour of cultural producers, the role of ethnic, racial, immigrant and working-class arts and culture in creative placemaking and issues in the evaluation of initiatives and outcomes. The lecture is free to attend, though [registration is required](#). The lecture will take place in London on 14 May 2014.

Climate Change - Evidence and Implications for Business: The [Grantham Institute](#), [Met Office](#) and the [Walker Institute](#) are organising an event that will explore the risks and opportunities from climate change, and how research and business communities can work together to understand and address the challenges ahead. [Climate Change – the latest evidence and implications for business](#) will provide an overview of the latest evidence from the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#), followed by presentations given by Prof [Chris Field](#), Prof [Jim Skea](#) and Prof Dame [Julia Slingo](#). A 'Question Time' panel discussion will also take place, where the implications of climate change will be discussed with leading business and policy figures, including [James Smith](#), [David Kennedy](#) and [Richard Aylard](#). The event is free to attend, though [registration is required](#). The event will take place in London on 19 May 2014.

ARCC Network Assembly: The [Adaptation and Resilience in the Context of Change](#) (ARCC) Network is organising a two-day knowledge exchange event that will explore the use and impact of knowledge and evidence from EPSRC-funded research projects to help support sustainable urban development. The [ARCC Network Assembly 2014](#) sessions will include presentations on emerging evidence and knowledge and the interpretation and integration within policy and practice. The presentations will be followed by more in-depth discussion sessions. The event is free to attend, though [registration is required](#). The Assembly will take place in Birmingham on 10-11 June 2014.

Walker Institute Annual Lecture - Climate Change Communication: This year's [Walker Institute](#) Annual Lecture will examine how the scientific understanding on climate change is being communicated, and the future role of citizen science-type projects. In [Climate Change Communication: Success or Failure?](#), Prof. Sir [Mark Walport](#) will discuss the nature of climate change communication: what it is trying to achieve, who should do it and whether

efforts to communicate climate change in traditional media needs to be stepped-up. The event is free to attend, though [registration is required](#). The lecture will take place in London on 5 June 2014.

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2015-2017 RTPI Work Programme Member

Consultation: The RTPI has provided policy and research guidance on a range of issues including: the benefits of investment in transport infrastructure , delivering large scale housing, strengthening the economic benefits of planning, Spatial thinking in policy, Future proofing society (climate change and demographic pressures) and Promoting Healthy Cities.

By the end of 2014 an additional three research and policy papers will be released and the Institute is building on its successful research and policy work over the next two years with the 2015-2017 RTPI Work Programme Member Consultation. The RTPI wants to hear from members about its policy and research priorities for the next 3 years. To respond, email your feedback to policy@rtpi.org.uk by Friday 24th October 2014.



RTPI Awards for Excellence in Spatial Planning

research 2014: The presentation of the RTPI Awards for Excellence in Spatial Planning Research took place on the evening of 10 September 2014 at the Planning Research Conference hosted by RTPI accredited planning school, Oxford Brookes. Awards were presented by Trudi Elliott, Chief Executive of the RTPI.



Planning education and training is vital in producing skilled, expert planners who contribute to the profession and to the creation of high quality places. The RTPI Planning Awards highlight excellence in this area from teachers, learners and employers.

More information on the winners and commended entries is available [here](#).

RTPI Centenary Blogs: Read the latest Centenary Blog entries, including: [Why planning is critical to a healthy future](#) and [20x20 Hindsight : Lessons from 100 Years of Professional Planning](#). New blogs are added every week, and if you would like to submit a blog, please contact the RTPI research team.

Call for Proposals

Call for papers – Regional Studies Association: The [RSA](#) will hold its second [EU cohesion policy conference](#) on 4th-6th February 2015 in Riga, Latvia, entitled ‘Challenges for the new cohesion policy in 2014-2020: an academic and policy debate’. The deadline for [abstract submission](#) is 31 October 2014.

Call for Papers – TeMA, Journal of Land Use, Mobility and Environment: [TeMA, the Journal of Land Use, Mobility and Environment](#), is inviting scholars and practitioners to submit articles on the general topic of urban and transportation planning and articles focused on the main topic that will be faced in 2015: ‘Smart Energy Cities’. The three issues of the journal will cover: ‘Cities, Energy and Climate Change’ (deadline for abstract submission: 10 January 2015); ‘Cities, Energy and Built Environment’ (deadline for abstract submission: 10 May 2015); and ‘Cities, Energy and Mobility. Strategies for consumption’s reduction’ (deadline for abstract submission: 10 September 2015). More information on the call for papers is available [here](#).

Call for papers – Planning, Law and Property Rights Conference 2015: The [International Academic Association on Planning, Law, and Property Rights \(PLPR\)](#) attracts academics in spatial planning, land-use and property law, real estate or related disciplines from all parts of the world and explores urban issues, legislative frameworks, and land ownership. The PLPR is organising a [conference on 25-27 February 2015](#) at the Department of Planning and Regional Development (DPRD) of University of Thessaly located in Volos (Greece). The deadline for [abstract submission](#) is on 7 November 2014.

Call for papers – International Making Cities Livable 2015: The [52nd International Making Cities Livable \(IMCL\) Conference](#) on Achieving Green, Healthy Cities will take place on 29 June - 3 July 2015 in Bristol, the Green Capital of Europe in 2015. [Paper proposals are to be submitted by 31 October 2014](#), on topics including healthy transportation planning, physical planning for healthy cities and how public health and planning collaborate. The deadline for the [design awards competition](#) for projects that showcase urban design principles and livability criteria of the conference is [20 December 2014](#).

Other Publications

RTPI Value of Planning report: The [Value of Planning report](#), based on research conducted for the RTPI by Professor David Adams, The University of Glasgow, and Professor Craig Watkins, The University of Sheffield, examines the value of planning, focusing primarily on economic and financial value, while recognising the importance of broader social and environmental value. In conducting this review, the researchers have drawn on UK and international evidence and examples.

RTPI Planning Horizons papers: The [Planning Horizons](#) project takes a long-term and global view of planning and the contribution it can make to challenges in the 21st Century. They are being published during the RTPI's Centenary year in 2014.

The first paper in the series, [Thinking Spatially](#), considers how thinking spatially can help policymakers make better judgements about how individual policy proposals affect a place as a whole.

The second paper, [Future Proofing Society](#), considers some of the major long-term climate change and demographic change challenges that will shape the next 100 years. It argues that how planners are responding to these challenges suggests ways that policy- and decision-makers more broadly can make our societies more resilient.

The third paper, [Promoting Healthy Cities](#), examines the vital role that planning can play in delivering improvements to health and well-being, especially in urban contexts.

Healthy Cities – Public Health through Urban Planning Book on healthy planning:

In this book, the authors conceptualize the 'urban health niche' as a novel approach to public health and healthy-city planning that integrates the diverse and multi-level health determinants present in a city system. Indeed, scientific evidence generated over the past decade shows the significant role of our cities' built environments in shaping our health and well-being. Advanced network analysis techniques are employed to examine multi-scale associations between individual-level health outcomes and built environment features such as density, land-use mix and road network configuration.

New Climate Economy Report: The [New Climate Economy report](#) is a major assessment, commissioned by governments and written by world-leading experts including Lord Stern. It considers how best to achieve prosperity and development at the same time as reducing carbon emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change. The report concludes that, regardless of current economic status, there is the opportunity for all economies to grow while still moving to a low-carbon, climate-adapted future.

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