

The Sir Patrick Geddes
Commemorative Lecture 2019

The Future of our Cities and the Role of Planning

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Andrew Carter, Chief Executive, Centre for Cities

Andrew Carter, Chief Executive of the Centre for Cities will explore the future of our cities at the 2019 Sir Patrick Geddes Commemorative Lecture, which will take place in Edinburgh on the evening of 27 June. Centre for Cities is the leading think tank dedicated to improving the performance of UK city economies.

Andrew has over 20 years of experience working on urban economic policy issues for public and private development agencies, consultants and research institutes. He has also spent time in the US as part of the Churchill Foundation's Fellowship Programme reviewing urban economic development policy and practice in American cities including New York, Washington DC, Boston and Chicago. He is a regular media contributor and chairs and speaks at conferences across the UK and Europe on a wide range of urban and economic issues.

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Programme

17.45	Arrival and registration
18.00	Welcome and Introduction by Julia Frost, Convenor of RTPI Scotland
18.15	Lecture by Andrew Carter, followed by questions
19.20	Vote of Thanks
19.30	Drinks reception
20.15	Departures

Sir Patrick Geddes

This is the 16th Sir Patrick Geddes Commemorative Lecture which is organised to stimulate discussion on planning issues. Sir Patrick Geddes is widely regarded as the founder of modern town planning. His interest in the natural sciences led him to a professorship at Dundee University in botany, after which he developed his interest in sociology and planning. He lived most of his life in Edinburgh during which he established the Edinburgh Social Union, promoted a wide range of sympathetic redevelopment and conservation schemes the length of the Royal Mile and founded a publishing company. He published seminal texts such as "Cities in Evolution", spent time in India as Chair in Sociology at Bombay University, planned the Hebrew University at Jerusalem and finally retired to France where he founded the College des Ecosais in Montpellier. He was knighted in London in the year of his death.

