

One Day Conference -

The next steps for community groups in influencing London Planning

Co-organised by Just Space Network, University College London (UCL) and King's College London (KCL).

Thursday 9th June 2011
10am-5pm

Venue: UCL Department of Geography,
University College London,
26 Bedford Way, London WC1H 6BT

This year over 50 community organisations played an unprecedented role in challenging the strategic plans for London, encouraged and supported by the Just Space Network. One aspect of this work has been to enlist support from the academic and research communities in London. This has connected with debates about the role of academics outside the academy.



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Aims of the Conference:

1. For community groups to evaluate and reflect upon:-

- the Examination in Public (EiP) of the London Plan;
- what has been achieved – especially in light of the EiP Panel Report published in early May;
- what the prospects/challenges now are, including London Plan implementation.

2. For the academic community to reflect upon:-

- the support given by students and staff during the EiP process;
- the research they are engaging in now which can add weight to arguments being made by community groups;
- future research to make an impact on the ground and to underpin greater democracy in London planning.

3. To consider next steps, for example:-

- developing alternative plans and policies;
- making an impact on the public debate;
- further collaborations between community groups and academics;
- finding resources for all this.

Morning Plenary - Taking Stock:

Professor Mark Tewdwr-Jones (UCL) "Alternative agendas and futures for Planning in London"

Community speakers will reflect on the London Plan EIP experience and summarise what happened on key issues.

Afternoon Plenary - Next Steps:

What we are engaging in now and what is needed in the future.

Presentation from Just Space Network on neighbourhood planning.

Researchers will speak on how collaboration with community organisations informs their work.

Afternoon Workshops:

Regeneration outcomes, Economic agendas, the Environment, London's Transport, Housing crises, Participation and Justice.

To be led by a community speaker, alongside a researcher active in the field. The main purpose of the workshops is to consider next steps - how do we challenge current agendas and what forward strategies can community groups adopt?

Closing Plenary:

Consideration of specific proposals for next steps.

Community speakers will include:

Friends of the Earth, Friends of Queen's Market, Haringey Federation of Residents Associations, Hayes and Harlington Community Forum, London Forum of Civic and Amenity Societies, London Gypsy and Traveller Unit, London Tenants Federation, Regents Network, Spitalfields Community Association, Wards Corner Community Coalition.

For maps showing the venue, see: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/locations/ucl-maps>
www.geog.ucl.ac.uk/about-the-department/contacts-and-location/location-details

Just Space NETWORK Just Space is an alliance of community groups, voluntary sector organisations and special interest groups formed to act as a voice for Londoners at grass-roots level during the preparation and examination of London's major planning strategy.

The process is technical, detailed and often daunting for the majority of people even though the issues themselves are readily understood. <http://justspace2010.wordpress.com/>

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