The Urban Future of Portsmouth

The University of Portsmouth Industry and Alumni Breakfast

Thursday 29 September 2016

Event: 8.20am to 10.30am
Breakfast served: 7.45am

Lord Mayor’s Banqueting Room, Portsmouth Guildhall, Guildhall Square
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Thank you for joining us for the University of Portsmouth’s second Industry and Alumni Breakfast event for key industry and government partners, dignitaries, researchers, community partners and alumni.

This breakfast is the second one in a series of three events. The inaugural one was in May 2016 and the third one will be in February 2017 when the launch of the urban manifesto will take place at the University of Portsmouth’s Eldon Building.

Our invited experts will give keynote presentations on the theme ‘The Urban Future of Portsmouth: Leadership to deliver the Public Space Network for the Knowledge City’.

We will use public dialogue to discuss visionary but grounded strategies and ideas on the future of the city of Portsmouth and what needs to be done to meet the urban challenges of the 21st century. The discussion will explore the city’s urban transformation to a knowledge-based city and share ideas among experts for Portsmouth’s urban future.

The University is a key economic driver in the city and plays a significant role in the region. We want a vibrant campus as destination in a revitalised city centre; an open campus, integrated into the surrounding community with transparent ground floors that allow greater visibility of activities, and with informal spaces for interaction and learning.

In particular, we will look at what needs to be done to unleash the hidden potential of vital collaboration between industry, local government and world-class research expertise at the University of Portsmouth, including questions such as:

- What will the Island City’s public space network look like in 20 years?
- What kind of leadership will be required to deliver the public space network and public realm benefits required for a competitive and liveable city?
- How will we best manage the needs of a growing city with the need to ensure we preserve a sustainable environment? What are we not doing that we should be?
- What about the current urban disconnect and public space opportunities for the University Quarter and along the waterfront? What role can, and should, the University play in delivering a vibrant urban future that is inclusive, sustainable and equitable?
- Public space network activation and connectivity: The role of universities in urban regeneration and urban renewal, connecting downtown and the new campus masterplan with the waterfront (core to shore).
- The future of public space vitality and pedestrianisation for new experiences.

We hope you enjoy the discussions.

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Meet the speakers

Elad Eisenstein
Director Urban Design, Mecanoo Architects (Delft/London)

Elad Eisenstein, Director of Urban Design at Mecanoo Architects, spearheads urban design projects, playing a key role in further developing the practice’s UK and worldwide portfolio in this field. He has more than 15 years of international experience on large-scale complex urban projects and master planning including a directorship at ARUP. Reflecting on his experience worldwide as well as some of Mecanoo’s key projects including the Stirling Prize nominated Library of Birmingham, Elad will discuss the tools and creative thought process applied to design and deliver public spaces that stimulate meaningful urban change. www.mecanoo.nl

Bev Lucas
Project Manager at Portsmouth City Council

Dr Bev Lucas is the Project Manager at Portsmouth City Council who led the recent transformation and adaptive reuse of the former military barracks in Old Portsmouth into 13 affordable creative studios alongside a deli-style eaterie and new public space. Dating back to the 15th century, Hotwalls Studios brings the historic arches and site back to life creating a vibrant arts and crafts quarter offering employment and visual enhancement to the area. www.portsmouth.gov.uk

Jason Syrett
Partner, Allies and Morrison (London/Cambridge/New York)

Jason Syrett joined Allies and Morrison in 2000, becoming a partner in 2015 and is the partner-in-charge leading two significant masterplans in London: King’s Cross for KCCLP and Wood Wharf for Canary Wharf Group. His buildings include the City Lit education building in Camden, Mint Hotel in Leeds and Two Pancras Square. He has developed particular experience in the design and planning process for complex mixed-use public space and projects in Central London, including 100 Bishopsgate, Vauxhall Square and Keybridge House. Internationally, he led the mixed-use redevelopment of a locally listed building in Stadhuisplein. Jason studied at the University of Portsmouth’s School of Architecture. www.alliesandmorrison.com

Felicia ‘Flick’ Drummond MP
Member of Parliament for Portsmouth South, House of Commons

Flick Drummond MP is a British Conservative Party politician. She has been the Member of Parliament for Portsmouth South since May 2015 and has lived in the city for many years. Before entering Parliament, she was a lay OFSTED inspector, worked for the Conservative Middle East Council and also in the insurance industry. Flick has an MA in International Relations and was a member of the Territorial Army. Flick’s other roles include being a board member of the International Boatbuilding College in Boathouse 4, Trustee of the Citizens’ Advice Bureau and a primary school governor. Flick is married with four grown-up children. www.flickdrummond.com
Cheryl Buggy
Station Director, Express FM Radio

Cheryl is the founding member and Station Director of 93.7 Express FM Radio, one of the longest running community radio stations in the UK and now based back at the University. She is a former Lord Mayor of Portsmouth and Project Director of Shaping Portsmouth.

Professor Graham Galbraith
Vice-Chancellor, University of Portsmouth

As Chief Executive of the University and Chief Academic Officer, Graham is responsible for leading the University and setting its strategic direction. A Chartered Engineer with research interests in building physics, Graham is passionate about the role of universities as anchor institutions in their cities transforming the lives of individuals. He took up the position as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Portsmouth on 1 September 2014.

Professor Pal Ahluwalia
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), University of Portsmouth

As Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Professor Pal Ahluwalia is responsible for promoting a strong research and innovation culture across the University of Portsmouth with continuous improvement in the volume, quality and impact of the University’s research and enterprise outputs and partnerships. His main research interests lie in the areas of African studies, and social and cultural theory. He previously held professorial roles at the University of South Australia, University of California, Goldsmiths College and the University of London.

Professor Catherine Harper
Dean, Faculty of Creative and Cultural Industries, University of Portsmouth

Professor Catherine Harper is Dean of the Faculty of Creative and Cultural Industries, and Editor-in-Chief of Taylor & Francis’ journal Textile: Cloth and Culture. Catherine has published a monograph, Intersex (Berg, 2007) and edited the four-volume Textiles: Critical and Primary Sources (Bloomsbury, 2012). Her current material culture research investigates Irish bloodied textiles.

Professor Steffen Lehmann
Professor of Sustainable Architecture, University of Portsmouth

As Professor of Sustainable Architecture, Steffen is leading the research cluster for Sustainable Cities across faculties at the University of Portsmouth. He has been advising municipalities worldwide and his research interests span energy-efficient architecture, urban design and sustainability with a strong focus on improving the environmental performance of precincts by introducing climate resilience.
A, B and C are the gateways into the City Campus.

Connectivity in the University Quarter

Image: Courtesy of Architecture PLB