

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER



08:45 **Registration Desk Opens**
Refreshments, networking and exhibition

09:30 **Opening Speaker**
Glenn Gorner MICFor
Natural Environment Manager, Leeds City Council

SESSION ONE

09:35 **Regional Tree Officer Groups and the Tree Officer Forum**
Alistair Smith FICFor – Director, Association of Tree Officers and Honorary Executive Committee Member, London Tree Officers Association

09:50 **Using Artificial Intelligence to Manage Tree Stock**
Jane Crowther MICFor – Urban Forestry Manager, Leeds City Council
Andrew McPhaden – Senior Arboricultural Officer, Leeds City Council

10:05 **A Brief Overview of the Veteran Tree Specialist Certificate and Why it's Important**
Sarah Kiss MICFor – Tree Officer (External Works), Hampshire County Council

10:20 **Panel Q&A**
Chaired by Matthew Seabrook
Trees and Woodlands Officer, Telford & Wrekin Council

10:35 **Morning break**
Refreshments, networking and exhibition

SESSION TWO

11:05 **Tree Planting on the Highway – The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**
Matthew Nash – Senior Arboriculture Officer, Central Bedfordshire Council

11:25 **Trees Communicate Through Networks – Are You? Engaging with Stakeholders on Tree Projects**
Sara Redfern-Noons – Tree Project Officer, Gloucestershire County Council

11:45 **Cork City: Implementing Our First Tree Strategy**
Thomas Kane – Tree Officer, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Cork City Council

12:05 **Panel Q&A**
Chaired by Dale Mortimer
Tree Service Manager, London Borough of Ealing

12:20

Lunch

Refreshments, networking and exhibition

SESSION THREE

13:20

The School is the Education: Cultivating Environmental Stewards Through Tree Engagement

Michael Johnson – Tree Officer, Islington Council

13:40

Bringing Trees and People Closer Together: Engaging the Public Through Tree Walks

Greg Packman – Arboricultural Officer, The Royal Parks

14:00

Creating Healthy, Sustainable Communities: The Vital Role of the Area Tree Officer

Dave Baldwin – Tree Officer, Oxfordshire County Council

Rosie Rowe – Head of Healthy Place Shaping, Oxfordshire County Council

14:20

Panel Q&A

Chaired by Ruthe Davies MICFor
Arboricultural Officer, City of Edinburgh Council

14:35

Afternoon break

Refreshments, networking and exhibition

SESSION FOUR

15:05

Sooty Bark Disease: The Latest Evidence and Insights to Protect Trees and People

Dr Jen Clements – Environmental Social Scientist, Forest Research

15:25

TreeAlert: Tree Pests and Diseases of the Past, Present and Future

Molly Davidson – Entomologist, Forest Research

Dr Caroline Gorton – Tree Health Diagnostician, Forest Research

15:45

Panel Q&A

Chaired by Louise Simpson
Executive Director, Institute of Chartered Foresters

16:00

Closing Speaker

Lee Marshall
Senior Arboricultural Officer, South Hams District Council & West Devon Borough Council

16:05

Conference Close

Programme details may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.