

UK PLANNING AID

Conference 2010

*'Planning Aid -
Engaging with Communities'*

Thursday 29th April and morning of Friday 30th April 2010
Park Inn, Cardiff City Centre



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This year's National Planning Aid Conference is being held in Cardiff. It will bring planning aid staff, volunteers and trustees together with representatives from community and voluntary groups from across the whole UK.

The focus for the conference will be on how UK planning aid services are already engaging with communities, and how we can do better in future. A friendly, relaxed environment will encourage delegates to exchange ideas, inspire, and learn from each other.

A lively programme of workshops, discussion groups and field trips will showcase best practice examples of community engagement in planning and inspiring community initiatives that will benefit from planning aid support. There will also be opportunities to discuss and develop solutions to the common challenges faced when working with planners and communities.

The second day of the conference will be dedicated to strengthening the links between the different UK planning aid services and exploring the range of potential areas of synergy between planning aid activity and community energy. Which areas have the most potential, and how should they be prioritised? How can the UK services support each other to develop the potential?

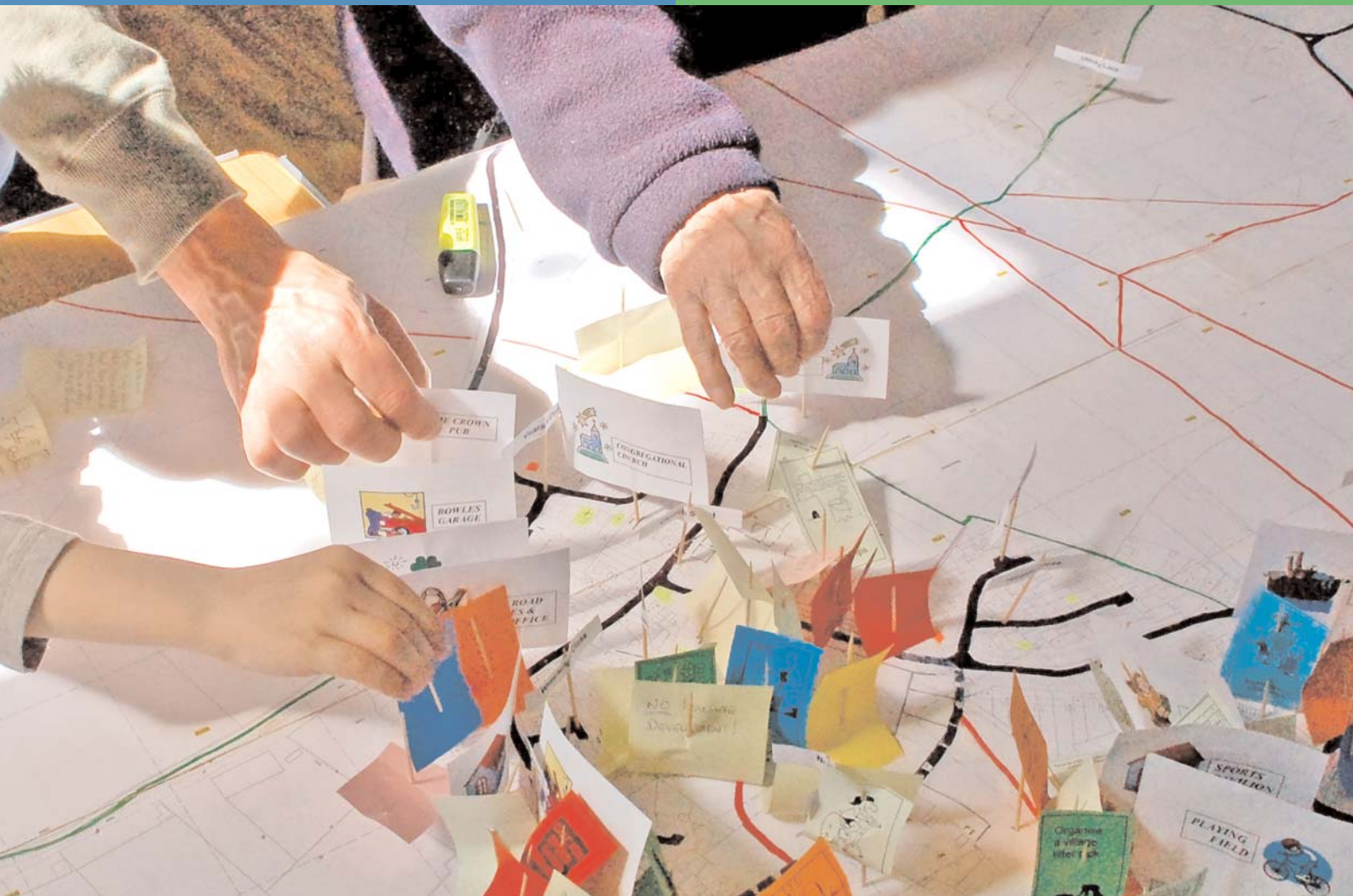
The conference is an invaluable opportunity for those involved in planning aid throughout the UK to come together to be inspired and develop new ideas for supporting communities.

Exhibition opportunities

Corporate exhibitors: £500

Voluntary sector exhibitors: £200

For details call 01286 882 834



Programme

Wednesday, 28th April, 6.30pm

Conference delegates are invited to a **quiz night** organised by Planning Aid Wales and Young Planners Network Cymru at the Park Inn hotel.

The cost of the quiz (payable on the night) will be £4 per entrant (£3 for students) with proceeds going to Planning Aid Wales and RTPI Young Planners Network Cymru. No specialist planning knowledge is required!

We welcome team or individual entries to the quiz. We are looking for teams of no more than five to enter. It's fine if you want to enter individually as we will allocate you to a team on the night.

Details and a registration form are available on <http://www.planningaidwales.org.uk/volunteering/quiznight>



Thursday 29th April

- 9.30 am** Registration, tea and coffee
- 10.00 am** Introductory plenary session:
Chair's introduction, *Kelvin MacDonald, Department of Land Economy, University of Cambridge*
Ministerial address, *Jane Davidson, Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing, Welsh Assembly Government*
- 10.30 am** Workshop sessions 1 and 2
- 1.00 pm** Lunch
- 2.00 pm** Workshop sessions 3 and 4
- 5.30 pm** Finish
- 7.30 pm** Conference dinner
- 9.00 pm** Twmpath dawns (Welsh folk dancing)

Friday 30th April

- 9.00 am** Registration, tea and coffee
- 9.30 am** Workshops to develop synergy areas
- 11.00 am** Workshops to prioritise areas for future planning aid work streams
- 12.00 noon** Plenary discussion to identify and agree priority areas for future planning aid work streams
- 12.30 pm** Plenary closing comments from the Chair
- 1.00 pm** Lunch and farewell

Workshops to include

Involving communities in Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects,
led by Sue Webber, South West Planning Aid

Initial results from the Mediation in Planning project,
led by Kay Powell, National Planning Forum for England

Low impact development,
led by Paul Wimbush, Lammas Eco Village

Community renewable energy,
led by Grenville Ham, The Green Valleys

Supporting Gypsies and Travellers,
led by Ian Horsburgh, Planning Aid Wales

You can check the most up-to-date programme and further information on the conference on www.planningaidwales.org.uk/conference.

Booking Form

(Please photocopy this form for additional delegates.)



Delegate details

Name _____
Job title _____
Organisation _____
Email _____
Telephone _____
Address _____

Invoice address _____
(if different to the above) _____

Conference booking

- Full conference fee: £180
 Discount rate for planning aid staff and volunteers: £110

The fee includes lunch and refreshments on both conference days and dinner on the Thursday evening. Overnight accommodation is not included.

Please contact us for discretionary discounts for community and voluntary groups.

Accommodation

Some of Planning Aid Wales' local volunteers have kindly agreed to provide free accommodation for conference delegates. If you wish to be considered for this offer, please indicate your choice below.

- I would like to stay at a Planning Aid Wales volunteer's house on the Thursday night. *(Subject to availability.)*
 I would like to stay at a Planning Aid Wales volunteer's house on Wednesday and Thursday night. *(Subject to availability.)*
 Please send me a list of local hotels and B&Bs.

Special requirements

Please specify below if you have any special dietary or other requirements.

Booking conditions

Payment must be made in advance. Cancellations within 30 days of the conference incur full charge. Prior to 30 days, 50% charge will apply. Substitutions can be made free of charge.

Data protection

If you wish to opt out of further mailings about our events tick here.

Please send your booking form and cheque made payable to Planning Aid Wales to:
Planning Aid Wales, 174 Whitchurch Road, Heath, Cardiff, CF14 3NB.

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