



PROFESSOR STEFFEN LEHMANN TO SPEAK AT CREATING SUSTAINABLE CITIES CONFERENCE

University of Portsmouth CCI Professor, Steffen Lehmann has been invited to speak at the Creating Sustainable Cities Conference this November, in London.

Professor Steffen Lehmann, Director for the Cluster for Sustainable Cities, has been invited to present at the annual Creating Sustainable Cities Conference, aiming to tackle challenges faced by the UK's cities and towns. Steffen will speak at the conference on the 28th of November 2017 in London, where he will present on the topic "Urban Regeneration of UK Cities", discussing how UK cities should evolve over the next 20 years. The conference runs every November, bringing together key stakeholders from across the UK, to share strategies of sustainable solutions to common problems that urban environments face, and how these can be replicated in other cities.

The Creating Sustainable Cities Conference, provides a platform for some of the UK's leading figures within the sustainable city field, and connects organisations and individuals, so that they can share knowledge and expertise, that will help to place urban landscapes on a more sustainable path, in turn, accelerating the reduction of carbon emissions, improving air and water quality, and finding new ways to finance and deliver these changes.

Steffen is frequently invited to speak at these important conferences and asked for his perspective on high-level urban development strategy; it is at this conference that he will present his Urban Manifesto to Regenerate UK Cities. Steffen says,

"I have been honoured by the invitation to attend and speak at this prestigious conference, which will be a compelling event with a relevant audience of urban decision makers and government representatives. I will present on the need to regenerate tired and fossil fuel dependent UK cities, and touch upon my research in making cities more climate resilient and resource efficient. This will be a good opportunity to launch the 'Urban Manifesto for the Regeneration of UK Cities', a study I have been working on for a while with colleagues at ARUP, and we are going to launch a book in mid-2018 on this topic. So it's a little bit like a sneak preview of our research findings on this topic."

The conference will be host to a variety of discussions about sustainable energy, the benefits of urban greening, driving sustainable innovation, the problem of plastic and engaging sustainable cities. He will be joined by urban experts from organisations such as, the Greater London Authority, Future Cities Catapult, the University of Exeter, Innovate UK, Oxfordshire County Council, Forum for the Future, and others. Steffen comments,

"The conference will be a valuable opportunity to engage with key city stakeholders, communities and businesses, and our discussion must send an unequivocal, long-term signal to the UK's urban community that the transition to low carbon, sustainable urban development is firmly and irreversibly underway."

The conference will take place on the 28th of November between 9.30am and 4.30pm at Europe House in London.