

## Cluster for Sustainable Cities presenting at the Shaping Portsmouth Annual Conference

**Professor Steffen Lehmann**, Director of the **Cluster for Sustainable Cities**, has been invited to speak at this year's Shaping Portsmouth Annual Conference.



Shaping Portsmouth is the leading community interest company in Portsmouth organising relevant programmes to support the needs of the city. The Annual conference, held at The Pyramids Centre on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017, is the main annual event discussing the future of the City of Portsmouth, with this year's conference focusing on the theme of Sustainability.

This annual event brings together attendees from the Portsmouth business community, local government leaders, charities, community groups and civic leaders. The event includes talks of a range of perspectives on Sustainability, as well as an exhibition featuring from local organisations; it is a prime event for networking and a powerful platform for the **University of Portsmouth** to feature its wide variety of research activities. Professor Steffen Lehmann is this year's invited speaker for the University of Portsmouth.

Urban development has never been more important than today. The title of his presentation is 'Regenerated Cities are Sustainable Cities', which looks at the hidden potential of the Island City through visionary but grounded strategies to transform and upgrade the public space network and bind together the green and blue mosaic of open spaces and waterfronts.

As a Professor of Sustainable Architecture, Steffen's research interests span energy-efficient architecture, public space vitality, urban design and urban resilience with a strong focus on improving the environmental performance of neighbourhoods. Previously, he was a full Professor and Chair in Australia for 13 years, leading the urban regeneration of a number of waterfront cities and advising cities worldwide on sustainable urban development. Prof Lehmann says, "It is a great honour to be speaking at this very important event that brings together aspects of social and economic policy with liveability and environmental protection. Operationalising ecologically sustainable urban development requires a close collaboration between the University and local government, to connect research capacity with the needs of our City. The ideas we are discussing at this forum will become the much needed inspiration for urban change of tomorrow."