

# Designing with Children and Young People, 27 April

## Detailed Agenda and Speaker Bios

### 09:30-10:00 – Check-in and breakfast bites

### 10:00-11:00 – Open and welcome

#### Room: Proclaim

- Welcome & housekeeping
- Keynote address, Karen McGregor, Sustrans Scotland Director
- Presentation: Papdale Park Orkney

### 11:00-11:15 – Coffee Break

### 11:15-12:35 – Morning Case Studies

Presentations run simultaneously with a ten-minute break in between; delegates switch rooms. Please go to the presentation that corresponds to the sticker on your badge (bicycle or walking shoe).

- Connecting Woodside, Garscube Road – Room: Proclaim
  - Bike Group – 11:15 – 11:50
  - Walking Group – 12:00 – 12:35
- Kilbarchan Pocket Place – Room: Aspire
  - Walking Group: 11:15 – 11:50
  - Bike Group: 12:00 – 12:35

### 12:35-13:20 – LUNCH

### 13:20-16:00 – Afternoon Workshops

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- How to apply child-friendly design in School Streets – Room: Proclaim
  - Bike Group – 13:20 -14:35
  - Walking Group – 14:45 – 16:00
- Co-designing places with children and young people: why, how, and when?  
Room: Aspire
  - Walking Group – 13:20 – 14:35
  - Bike Group – 14:45 – 16:00

### 16:00-16:15 – Coffee Break

### 16:15-16:45 – Closing

#### Room: Proclaim

- Final remarks, Tremaine Bilham, Delivery Manager EYP and Communities
- Audience shareback

### 17:00 - END

## **Designing and Delivering Papdale Park in Orkney**

**Room: Aspire, 10:30am**

### **About:**

This session explores the design and delivery of the newly opened Papdale Park in Orkney, designed for intergenerational use. This case study shows how the delivery team was informed by previous attempts at engaging with the community. Garry Burton from Orkney Islands Council, alongside Michael Harvey (Sustrans embedded officer) will chart their design process from start to finish to deliver a park that included young people's aspirations for a place to play and socialise in.

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### **Garry Burton, Leisure and Culture Service Manager, Orkney Islands Council**

With a strong senior managerial, cross sector background and experience in the Culture, private and public sector Garry's experience lies firmly within the areas of sport, leisure, culture and tourism.

Garry has worked for Orkney Islands Council for 19 years and is currently Service Manager for the Council's Leisure and Culture Service and had been involved in and lead on the development of strategies including those for Play, Play Areas and sport and physical activity all of which have connections to the Papdale East Project.

Garry has a professional ambition to make transformational, innovative and sustainable impact on peoples lives by empowering people, strengthening communities and developing world class facilities and services.

### **Michael Harvey, Sustrans Embedded Officer, Orkney Islands Council**

Michael is a chartered architect and town planner from Orkney. He is currently on secondment from Orkney Islands Council to Sustrans, and has been working as Orkney's Senior Project Officer, Active Travel Strategy since 2021.

He led on the creation of the Your Kirkwall Local Place Plan in 2018. From this plan emerged a range of projects which have been delivered in partnership with local communities and with support from a range of funders including Sustrans since. The Papdale East Park project is an example of one of these projects.

Michael holds a strong interest in the quality of the built environment and enjoys supporting and empowering local communities to help make positive change to the places in which we live, work and spend time.

## **Connecting Woodside – Phase 1 – Garscube Road**

**Room: Proclaim, 11:15 and 12noon**

### **About:**

Connecting Woodside is an ambitious area-based project forming a key component of Glasgow's proposed city-wide cycle network. Glasgow City Council have recently completed Phase 1 of the project, a 1km bi-directional, segregated cycle route on the A81, Garscube Road.

Prior to the introduction of the scheme, Garscube Road was a four-lane road which was dominated by high-speed vehicular traffic, creating an intimidating environment for pedestrians and cyclists. The Council, through a number of community engagement events and focus groups undertaken with disability groups, developed a fully inclusive design that prioritised those walking and cycling.

Between June 2019 and June 2021, Glasgow City Council reported a 92% increase in those cycling along Garscube Road, and this was before the route had officially opened or any promotion of the new route taking place.

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### **Aidan O'Meara – Assistant Group Manager, Glasgow City Council**

Aidan O'Meara commenced public service in 2008 having worked for many years in the private sector in commercial and residential development. A qualified engineer and construction manager he has spent his entire public service career in active and sustainable transport, having worked extensively on the Commonwealth games Mountain Bike Course together with design and construction of many of the Cites active travel routes. Aidan currently leads a team of engineers and is responsible for a portfolio of active travel from multi-million pound civil engineering works across the board to softer measures such as the hugely successful Glasgow Cycle Hire Scheme which has seen more than 2million individual hires since first launched.

### **Malcolm Hall – Engineering Officer, Glasgow City Council**

Malcolm Hall graduated from the University of Dundee with a BEng in Civil Engineering. He commenced his career with Glasgow City Council in 2014 as the city was enjoying the boom associated with hosting the Commonwealth Games. Malcolm has a significant background in Civil Engineering for Sustainable and Public Transport having worked closely with Partners such as SPT to help deliver Bus infrastructure improvements throughout the city and Sustrans delivering active travel. As the Project Manager for the Connecting Woodside project, he has been responsible for the design and delivery of this award-winning project. Overseeing a multi-million-pound investment in this historical area of the city. Currently his remit includes design, procurement, and oversight of construction together with public and community engagement for the project.

## **Kilbarchan Pocket Place – delivering change with children**

**Room: Aspire, 11:15 and 12noon**

### **About:**

Activate your senses and let a charming pig on a scooter bring a smile to your day. Join us to hear about how between June 2019 and June 2020, we co-designed and trialled changes to the street outside a school in Renfrewshire. The project aimed to encourage walking and wheeling through the creation of a safer and more pleasant urban environment.

We'll consider together how involving young people in the whole project journey can lead to designs where children and young people can see the evidence of their participation and learn STEM skills along the way. In this session participants will hear examples of face-to-face and remote ways of working with nurseries and primary schools. You will think about and experience some of the meaningful ways we brought young people into design conversations with local authorities, older residents and local councillors to create lasting changes.

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### **Christina Eley, Delivery Coordinator, Education and Young People, Sustrans**

Christina Eley has over 10 years' experience working in engagement and development on community projects across the third sector. She has worked with under-represented groups on transport, placemaking and infrastructure projects in the Sustrans Co-design team and in partnerships with local authorities across Scotland, as well as with advocacy, disability, environmental and volunteering charities.

Part of the Education and Young People's Team, Christina understands the challenges of bringing infrastructure and behaviour change projects to life in different communities, and of ensuring local voices remain central to the process. Committed to turning access on its head, today Christina invites you to think about how to access a young person's world and to plan for a more inclusive future.

## **Codesigning places with children and young people: Why, How and When?**

**Room: Aspire, 13:20 and 14:45**

### **About:**

The goal for this session is for you to gain a sense of what good engagement in place-based projects looks like from the perspective of children and young people. We will work with you to reflect upon:

- Why engagement with children and young people is important;
- Why different ages and settings require different approaches;
- What 'good' looks like in your own and others practice, and how to measure success;
- How to align the Places for Everyone toolkit with the process and outcomes of engagement; and
- Fears and prejudices towards meaningful engagement of children and young people, and strategies to overcome them.

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### **Dr Jamie McKenzie Hamilton and Dr Jenny Wood, Co-Directors of Policy and Research at A Place in Childhood (APiC).**

**APiC** is a community interest company (CIC). We facilitate projects which enable the rights of young citizens to influence meaningful improvement to place and society, while building lifelong skills for a prosperous and equitable future. We have worked on many codesign projects with children and young people, including the Children and Young People's Place Standard tools; research on independent active travel and the participation of teenagers and Public Space for Sustrans; and co-designing public space opportunities in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

**Dr Jamie McKenzie Hamilton.** Over a diverse career, Jamie has gained extensive experience in co-design. His projects have involved children and communities across diverse projects and contexts, including community development, spatial design and planning, product and proposition co-creation. and experimental design. He has developed advanced skills and methodologies, some a part of the APiC researcher toolkit. Prior to APiC, in 2005, Jamie co-founded Netfluential, an international online market research agency, which continues to provide global customer insight for organisations such as Microsoft, Unilever and Google. In 2017, he gained his doctorate from Heriot-Watt University on 'relationships between indoor and outdoor task settings and cognition in primary schoolchildren. It was the first study of its kind to compare impacts of different early years' learning environments and made notable contributions to related theory and methodology. He also holds a BSc in Psychology and an MSc in Environmental Decision-making, outdoor teaching qualifications and a Mountain Leader award.

**Dr Jenny Wood.** Co-founder of APiC, Jenny is a highly-respected research and participation specialist, who has spent over 10 years working with and for children and young people. Her core professional interest is understanding social systems and human-environment interactions, towards identifying socially-just policy interventions to complex problems. She is a leading expert in children's human rights and the built environment with a strong track record in the field of homelessness and assisting people experiencing severe and multiple disadvantage. Prior to APiC, Jenny conducted a PhD which highlighted the spatial implications of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. She is author of many academic papers and reports, including the first overarching review of the child-friendliness of town planning systems across the UK. She has a keen interest in the Child Friendly City Movement, preventative social policy, and has advised on research on child-friendly environments in South Korea.

## **How to apply child-friendly design in School Streets**

**Room: Proclaim, 13:20 and 14:45**

### **About:**

Let's put the 12 dimensions of child-friendly design into action! Facilitated by the Sustrans design team, this workshop invites participants to think like a designer and consider the needs of a school street from a child's perspective. Using the dimensions of child-friendly design from the toolkit, you will apply these to a real-life scenario.

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### **Sustrans Design, Engineering and Assurance Team**

The Sustrans Scotland Design, Engineering and Assurance (DEA) Team is made of engineers and urban planners with significant experience of design and delivery around the world. In addition to advising Sustrans partners on design and engineering, DEA also works with communities throughout the lifecycle of a project.