

2023 Year in Review

27 March 2024, V&A Dundee



Detailed Agenda

* Indicates session will be livestreamed

- 09:30 – 10:00** **Arrival and Check-In**
- 10:00 – 10:20** **Welcome and Keynote Address***
- Welcome and housekeeping
 - Keynote Address – Karen McGregor, Scotland Director for Sustrans
- 10:20 – 11:20** **Project Presentations and Q&A***
- Gerry Conway, Conway Consultants Ltd on behalf of Dundee City Council – *Broughty Ferry to Monifieth Flood Protection and Active Travel Project*
 - Ron McAulay, Peffery Way Association – *The Peffery Way*
 - Kyra Whittle & Ellie Mills, Sustrans – *Barrier Removal Programme*
 - Tilia Maas Geesteranus, Sustrans/Moray Council – *Forres Schools Active Travel Project Raingarden*
- 11:20 – 11:30** **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 – 12:30** **The Recipe for Success: Roundtable Discussions**
Choose the projects you'd like to hear more about. Roundtables are hosted by:
- Lizbeth Collie, Sustrans/The Highland Council – *Grampian Road/Dalfaber Drive Junction*
 - Bid Strachan, Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust – *Kinloch Rannoch Riverside All Abilities Path Project*
 - Neill Malone, Sustrans – *Cullen Embankment*
 - Ross Woodside, Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust – *Water of Leith, NCN 75 Path*
 - Josué Arrieta Solís, Sustrans/Dumfries and Galloway Council – *Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary (DGRI) Links Project*
 - Hazel Mcleod, Winchburgh Community Development Trust – *Winchburgh Street Design Project*
- 12:30 – 13:15** **Lunch**
A fully vegetarian lunch will be served.
- 13:15 – 15:00** **1) Community Engagement: Using a Model Design Kit**
2) Walking Tour of Union Street, Dundee
- Two concurrent sessions. You'll have the opportunity to attend both. Check your badge to see your allocated group.
- **Community Engagement: Using a Model Design Kit**
13.15 – 14.00 Group #1
14.15 – 15.00 Group #2

- **Walking Tour of Union Street, Dundee**
Meet your guide at the event registration desk.
 - 13.15 – 14.00 Group #2
 - 14.05 – 14.50 Group #1

15:00 – 15:15 **Coffee Break**

15:15 – 16:15 **Vision 2030 Workshop**

- Barbara Kerr, Partner Relations and Development Coordinator, Sustrans
- Kat Brown, Engagement Officer, Sustrans

16:15 – 16:30 **Reflections and Closing**

Welcome and Keynote Address

Room:

Juniper Auditorium, 10:00 – 10:20

Presented by:

Karen McGregor, Scotland Director for Sustrans

Karen McGregor is the Scotland Director for Sustrans has been with the charity since February 2020. She leads on collaboration with Transport Scotland and a wide range of local authority stakeholders and active travel partners to make it easier for people to walk, wheel and cycle for everyday journeys.

Karen has represented Sustrans in various policy forums and has spoken on the National Planning Framework NPF4, Transport Decarbonisation and on designing spaces for children and young people. Before joining Sustrans, Karen worked as a Director with a Transport Operator and prior to that she was CEO of Firstport, Scotland's go-to agency for start-up social entrepreneurs.

Project Presentations and Q&A

Room:

Juniper Auditorium, 10:20 – 11:20

About:

Hear from those whose active travel projects are complete or near completion. Learn about their experiences including what went well, what they are proud of, and any challenges they overcame. These short presentations will be followed by time for questions.

Presented by:

- **Gerry Conway**, Director Conway Consultants Ltd and Project Manager on behalf of Dundee City Council – *Broughty Ferry to Monifieth Flood Protection and Active Travel Project*
 - **Ron McAulay**, Chair, Peffery Way Association – *The Peffery Way*
 - **Kyra Whittle & Ellie Mills**, Network Development Officers, Delivery, Sustrans – *Barrier Removal Programme*
 - **Tilia Maas Geesteranus**, Senior Project Officer, Active Travel Strategy, Sustrans - embedded with The Moray Council – *Forres Schools Active Travel Project Raingarden*
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Broughty Ferry to Monifieth Flood Protection and Active Travel Project

The project scope was to enhance the proposed Ferry Flood Protection works at Broughty to provide improvements to active travel and also to provide active travel improvements to the NCN-001 from Broughty Ferry Castle to Monifieth Railway Station. Overall the works provided 5 miles (8km) of active travel improvements which included: continuous street lighting from the Stannergate through to Monifieth Railway Station, Dundee's first segregated cycleway, and a 45m long, 5m wide, triple-span replacement bridge over the Dighty burn. The total budget for both flood protection and active travel was circa £35m. The construction works began March 2020 for the flood protection contract and the planned completion for the remaining active travel works is August 2024.

The Peffery Way

Information coming soon.

Sustrans' Barrier Removal Programme

Sustrans Scotland's Accessibility Fund provides funding to remove barriers and other restrictions on the National Cycle Network, making walking, wheeling and cycling in Scotland more accessible for everyone. Supported by funding from the Scottish Government, Sustrans works with partners to improve access on the National Cycle Network.

We recently audited Scotland's traffic-free routes on the Network. Our goal was to identify access barriers and physical restrictions that prevent people from using the Network, particularly those using wheelchairs, adapted bicycles, cargo bikes and buggies.

We've shared this valuable data with our partners to help them apply for funding from Sustrans Accessibility Fund. In this presentation, we'll introduce the accessibility programme and discuss the progress and highlights from 2023. We'll showcase examples of recent projects and share the personal impact they've had on users. Lastly, we'll provide key takeaway messages that can assist you if you're involved in a barrier removal or redesign project.

Forres Schools Active Travel Project Raingarden

This project is about developing an information panel to highlight the special features of the raingarden. The garden was created as part of 'Forres Schools Active Travel' project. The project was a cooperation between Sustrans Places for Everyone and the Moray Council and finalised in 2023. It provides a safe and direct active travel route between Forres Academy, the leisure centre, primary schools, and nearby residential areas.

It is designed to help prevent flooding by collecting excess rainwater. The water is stored in the grass areas and beneath the trees, until the soil absorbs it. Water which can't be absorbed is stored in crates underneath the planted area and then discharged into the Burn of Mosset. The plants and trees in the garden were chosen to help wildlife and increase biodiversity. They include field maple, cockspur thorn, crab apple and Guelder rose. The panel will be ready in March 2024.

The Recipe for Success: Roundtable Discussions

Room:

Juniper Auditorium, 11:30 – 12:30

About:

Learn hints and tips from active travel project partners and project leads who have been there and done it. In these informal discussions hosted by those leading projects, you'll have the opportunity to engage in small group discussions and ask questions.

Hosted by:

- **Lizbeth Collie**, Senior Project Officer, Active Travel Strategy, Sustrans – embedded with The Highland Council – *Grampian Road/Dalfaber Drive Junction*
 - **Bid Strachan**, Communities Officer, Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust – *Kinloch Rannoch Riverside All Abilities Path Project*
 - **Neill Malone**, Senior Network Development Manager, Delivery, Sustrans – *Cullen Embankment*
 - **Ross Woodside**, Head of Operations, Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust – *Water of Leith, NCN 75 Path*
 - **Josué Arrieta Solís**, Senior Project Officer, Active Travel Strategy, Sustrans – embedded with Dumfries and Galloway Council – *Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary (DGRI) Links Project*
 - **Hazel Mcleod**, Winchburgh Community Development Trust, and **Tara Coldwell Brock**, Co-Design Project Lead, Sustrans – *Winchburgh Street Design Project*
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Grampian Road/Dalfaber Drive Junction

Information coming soon.

Kinloch Rannoch Riverside All Abilities Path Project

Within Rannoch, there had long been an aspiration to enhance the path network, for the benefit of residents and visitors, where the natural and remote aspect of the location is the attraction for many. Most of the paths within the village are uneven and not accessible to everyone all year round, due to gradient, path surface and water ingress.

One key village route aspiration was the Riverside path. It was in poor condition for parts of the year and inaccessible to many with the slippery surface, steps and steep gradient. By improving two existing earthen paths and providing a gradient solution from street level down to the riverside a fully accessible route from west to east across the village was developed. The upgrade provides a traffic free link between locations for everyday sustainable journeys, is incredibly popular and provided spinoffs for future projects.

Cullen Embankment

Information coming soon.

Water of Leith

The NCN 75 path along The Water of Leith was upgraded as part of plans to improve the National Cycle Network across the country. The upgrade was funded by Sustrans through Transport Scotland and delivered by Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust (ELGT) in partnership with The City of Edinburgh Council. The project was developed following consultation with various stakeholders including The Water of Leith Conservation Trust and the City of Edinburgh Council Natural Heritage Service. It identified the need to upgrade the route to enable everyone to be able to use it as many sections were very muddy and difficult to navigate especially during the wetter winter months. There has been approximately 6km of the path surface upgraded along the NCN 75 route from just upstream of the Union Canal at Lanark Road to Balerno. The construction was undertaken over several phases using a multi-use surface which has enabled all users to access the route.

Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary (DGRI) Links Project

The Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary (DGRI) Links project was possible by £887,091 of Places for Everyone funding, with match funding from the Council, SWestrans and NHS Dumfries and Galloway. The project, led by Dumfries and Galloway Council, started in 2017 as part of the new DGRI planning conditions to deliver off-site road improvement works.

Nearly 350m of a 5m wide shared-use path were created. Junctions at New Abbey Road, Pleasance Avenue and Park Road have been improved. New toucan and parallel crossings were added. An early release signal for cyclists was installed on Pleasance Avenue. A new public space between New Abbey Road and Park Road was also created, to provide an area where people can socialise. This is making it easier and safer than ever to walk, wheel and cycle into the town centre, and has improved connections to schools, shops, the new hospital, and recreational facilities.

Winchburgh Street Design Project

Information coming soon.

Community Engagement: Using a Model Design Kit

13.15 - 14.00 Group #1

14.15 - 15.00 Group #2

Room:

Juniper Auditorium

About:

Learn about Sustrans' model design kit and how it can benefit your projects. We'll hear from Glasgow City Council who will share their experience of using the design kit in community engagement activities towards the design journey. There will also be time to interact with the kit and ask questions informally.

Presented by:

- **Engagement Team**, Sustrans
 - **Karina Mirza**, Avenues Programme, Glasgow City Deal/City Centre Regeneration, Neighbourhood, Regeneration and Sustainability, Glasgow City Council
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Walking Tour of Union Street, Dundee

13.15 - 14.00 Group #2

14.05 - 14.50 Group #1

About: Join the project team for a walking tour of the nearby Union Street. Hear about how this project aims to deliver a new transformative street infrastructure through a community co-design process, led by professional designers in collaboration with partners and the community.

Meet your guide at the event registration desk. Union Street is a 5-minute walk from the venue.

Led by:

- **Annie Marrs**, Lead Officer, UNESCO City of Design Dundee
 - **Linsey McIntosh**, Designer/Co-Design Specialist and Lecturer in Interior & Environmental Design, Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design
 - **Gary Kennedy**, Director/Co-Founder of kennedytwaddle and Lecturer in Interior & Environmental Design, Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design
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Vision 2030 Workshop

Room:

Juniper Auditorium, 15:15 – 16:15

About:

This visioning workshop will take us into the future of 2030 - where communities are shaped around people, and walking and cycling are the most popular choices for shorter everyday journeys. Thinking about the successful projects we have reflected on earlier in the day, this session will take an imaginative look at what project deliverables look like in 2030, what success means in active travel projects, and what actions were needed to make these a reality.

Presented by:

- Barbara Kerr, Partner Relations and Development Coordinator, Sustrans
- Kat Brown, Engagement Officer, Sustrans