



## **CMA Annual Conference 2018**

**20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> November, Lee Valley YHA, Cheshunt**

### **Day 1**

#### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

2.00pm **Welcome**, Roger Cole, Vice President, CMA

2.05-2.25 **'Welcome to Lee Valley Regional Park'** Jon Carney - Head of Parklands, Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

2.25-3pm **'Delivering the Environment Plan'** Merrick Denton-Thompson OBE, FLI, PPLI

3pm-5pm **Choice of Workshops** (coffee available)

Two 50 min sessions, chosen in advance, from:

- **CMA Market Place** – Will Stewart (exchange of best practice), Norwich City Council
- **TCV Green Gym** – Gareth Chalmers, 'Green Gyms', The Conservation Volunteers
- **Mindfulness walk** – Rebecca Pollard, Solstice Storytelling Circle
- **Storytelling** - Helen Bruce, Solstice Storytelling Circle
- **Valuing your Volunteers** - Jessica Whitehead, Volunteer Officer, Lee Valley RPA

5.00pm **CMA AGM**

5.40pm **Gordon Miller Award presentations (3)**

6.30pm **Dinner**

7.45pm **'Active Neighbourhoods'** Tim Russell, Urban Ranger – Devon Wildlife Trust

8.15pm **Questions**

8.30'ish **GM Award** - winner announced / presentation

**Bar / Raffle** – Please remember to bring items for the raffle!

Delegates are requested to bring, if possible, a small display or leaflets/photos (for table viewing) of their work or a particular project over the past year, as part of the **'CMA Market Place'**.

Spread ideas & best practice..... to be available for all to see throughout the 2 days.

(Workshop 1 gives you a chance to speak about your work and answer questions from colleagues)

*Conference timings may be subject to minor changes*

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## Day 2

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

9.00am **Field trip departures** (with packed lunch)

**A. Pedal Power** – Cycle from YHA towards Olympic White Water Centre, taking in sculpture trail and on to Fishers Green. Visiting Hall Marsh Scrape, Bittern Information Point (manned by volunteers) and other stop-offs if time permits eg. Norman's Pond / FG Island coppicing / Old Mill Broxbourne

**B. Gunpowder and Water** - a drive to Gunpowder Park; on to Waltham Abbey Garden Community Orchard project, LVP Education team then finally to Olympic White Water Centre, returning to YHA through River Lee Country Park if time permits

**C. Rye House Gatehouse** - to RSPB Reserve and Herts/ Middlesex Wildlife Trust projects *or* Broxbourne Woods

2.00pm **The Parks Trust, Milton Keynes** – James Cairncross

**Parks Action Group (PAG)** – workshops and debate:

2.30-3.00pm '**CMA and Parks Action – Shaping the Future of England's Public Parks and Green Spaces**'  
Ian Leete, Senior Adviser-Culture, Tourism and Sport, Local Government Association. Update on PAG priorities and their 6 work streams

3.05pm **Facilitated workshops** - a practical opportunity to discuss the groups work stream priorities and how CMA might engage with the Groups work (Coffee available during workshops)

4.30pm **Feedback / Q and A / Debate** – led by Dave Solly, CMA Board Member / Natural England

5.30pm'ish finish

#### **Debate Panel made up of:**

Ian Leete, Senior Adviser-Culture, Tourism and Sport, Local Government Association

James Cairncross, The Parks Trust, Milton Keynes

Lynn Crowe, CMA Advocacy Advisor

David Morris, Chair, National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces

Additional panellists invited

**\* Optional buffet before departure\***

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