

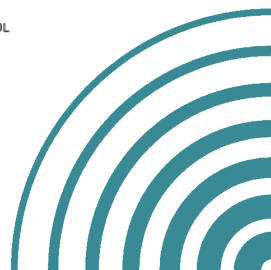
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TCPA Sustainable Communities and Planning Conference

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This conference celebrates the Centenary of the Housing and Town Planning Act 1909 and addresses the planning challenges of today. As John Burns, President of the Local Government Board, said, the 1909 Act would *'provide a domestic condition for the people in which their physical health, their morals, their character, and their whole social condition can be improved'*. While 'morals' are now left to those outside the planning system, it is still through planning that housing and social conditions can be improved, and the new, big challenge is, of course, climate change.

Worldwide, climate change is forecast to impact most frequently on societies least able to cope. Internationally, the long-term projection is of diminished rainfall, leading to mass migration. In the UK, where the number of households is set to maintain its steady growth, again those with the least choice are likely to suffer most. Some coastal communities will face managed retreat, with jobs and economic growth consequently diminished. In cities, the urban heat island effect will potentially repeat the unparalleled numbers of deaths which occurred in European cities during the summer of 2003. Less dramatically, but equally important, living conditions for thousands of families in poor-quality, badly designed homes will become almost intolerable.

Our vision for the future must respond to the crises of climate, the diversity of our communities, and demography of a population which is increasing, and which in the UK is ageing. This means tackling climate impacts for those who need help most; re-engineering our cities and their energy and carbon infrastructure; developing a public transport system which supports our form and pattern of development; and, crucially, a new greening of urban areas.

This conference will discuss leading-edge adaptation and mitigation solutions which can be achieved through the planning system, including best practice examples from the UK and beyond. What can we learn from communities that have had decades or centuries of urban living in intense heat and heavy rain? What are the particular issues for infrastructure providers, and how can the planning system help to deliver the solutions? Key principles of the **TCPA's Manifesto, *Towns and Countryside for a New Age of Challenge***, will underline the conference – please visit the TCPA website at www.tcpa.org.uk for further information. The conference programme ends with a screening of the film 'The Age of Stupid'.

Who should attend?

This event is for planners, local authority officers and members, developers, architects, infrastructure providers, consultants, academics, and those from NGOs and voluntary organisations – in fact anyone concerned with the built environment who is driven to combat the challenges posed now and in the future by climate change.

TCPA Annual Reception

Following the conference and film screening, the TCPA's Annual Reception will be held at the Pavilion Terrace, House of Commons.

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- 09.30** Registration and Coffee
- 10.00** Welcome and Introduction
Gideon Amos OBE
Chief Executive, TCPA
- 10.10** Welcome from the Chair
Lee Shostak
Founding Director, Shared Intelligence & Chair, TCPA Trustees
- 10.15** Opening Address – The Impact of the 1909 Act and the Challenges of Today
Professor Sir Peter Hall
President, TCPA
- 10.40** Climate Change Scenarios and the Potential Impact on Settlement Patterns
Gerry Metcalf
Knowledge Transfer Manager, UK Climate Impacts Programme (UKCIP)
- 11.05** Climate Change Risks and Vulnerabilities – Which Settlements and People Are Most Vulnerable to Climate Change?
Maria Adebowale
Director, Capacity Global
- 11.30** Coffee
- 11.50** Social Impacts and Social Justice Implications of Climate Change in the UK
Katherine Knox
Policy and Research Manager, Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- 12.15** The Impact of Climate Change on Southern Mediterranean Settlements
Professor Paolo La Greca
Professor of City and Regional Planning, University of Catania, Sicily
- 12.40** Panel Discussion
- 13.00** Lunch

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14.00 Ministerial Keynote Address

The Right Honourable John Healey MP (TBC)

Minister for Housing

14.20 Planning for the Age of Stupid

Dr Hugh Ellis

Chief Planner, T CPA

14.45 Questions

15.00 Communities and Climate Planning

Greg Clarke MP (TBC)

Shadow Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change

15.30 Closing Remarks from the Chair

15.45 Ends

Delegates are invited to a screening of 'The Age of Stupid' at the Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House, Bridge Street, a short walk from 1 Whitehall Place. The film's Director, Franny Armstrong, will offer reflections and answer questions

16.30 Introduction to 'The Age of Stupid'

Dr Hugh Ellis

Chief Planner, T CPA

16.45 Screening of 'The Age of Stupid' (Certificate 15)

18.15 Reflections on the Film, and Questions

Franny Armstrong

Director, 'The Age of Stupid'

18.30 Ends

Following the conference and film screening, the T CPA's Annual Reception will be held at the Pavilion Terrace, House of Commons. If you wish to attend please tick the relevant box on the booking form; an invitation will be handed to you at the conference

19.00 Annual Reception

22.00 Ends

Timings may be subject to slight variations. Please check the T CPA website at www.tcpa.org.uk/events for programme updates.

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Confirmation of your booking, a map and directions will be provided on receipt of the booking form. Please complete a separate form for each delegate.

Delegate details:

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Job title: _____

Organisation: _____

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Dietary/access requirements: _____

Event attendance:

Please indicate which event(s) you wish to attend:

1 Conference

2 Screening of 'The Age of Stupid'

3 Annual Reception at the House of Commons

Note to TCPA Members: The Annual Reception is free of charge regardless of whether or not you attend the Conference.

Fees:

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