

## **Soils in the Developed Landscape**

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> March, 2008

**Venue:** Aintree Racecourse, Ormskirk Road, Aintree, Liverpool, L9 5AS

Dear All

Please find attached the programme for 'Soils in the Developed Landscape', on 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> March, 2008.

Recent changes in best practice guidance and standards have led to increasing awareness of the need to understand more about soil as an important resource that is integral to a sustainable environment. The role of soil within our developed landscape is diverse from supporting the green infrastructure where we live, work and play to sustaining biodiversity, from impacting on surface drainage and erosion to providing a valuable carbon store.

'Soils in the Developed Landscape' is a nationally advertised event organized by Envirolink Northwest and sponsored by WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme) and the Institute of Professional Soil Scientists (IPSS). The aim is to provide an overview of these significant changes to guidance and standards associated with soil resources. This event will be of interest to a wide range of professions and end users, across the UK, including:

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| ❖ Landscape architects     | ❖ Recycling & waste sector | ❖ Ecologists     |
| ❖ Landscape contractors    | ❖ Policy makers            | ❖ Regeneration   |
| ❖ Compost & soil suppliers | ❖ Environmental managers   | ❖ Planners       |
| ❖ Soil scientists          | ❖ Resource managers        | ❖ House builders |
| ❖ Sustainable procurement  | ❖ Local Authorities        | ❖ Construction   |

### **10<sup>th</sup> March, 2008**

The programme for the first day of the event includes presentations from speakers drawn from the soil science, landscape and recycling sectors. Topics include soil functionality and ecosystem service delivery in urban environments, soil quality assurance, the Quality Protocol for topsoil, sustainable procurement, biodiversity and ecological benefits, and the sustainable use & management of soils on construction sites. Further details of the programme and registration can be found at [www.envirolinknorthwest.co.uk](http://www.envirolinknorthwest.co.uk).

### **11<sup>th</sup> March, 2008**

On day 2 of the 'Soils in the Developed Landscape' event delegates will be provided with the opportunity to see at first hand how compost and soils can be produced. These optional visits will also include examples of where soils have been manufactured and used to restore brownfield land to create a wide range of habitats and community woodland. Liverpool John Moores University will also be giving an update on the latest research on the potential benefits of storing carbon in soils amended with compost. Places on the site visits are limited so early booking is highly recommended.

### **Further benefits**

Additional benefits include a great opportunity to network with a range of experts, suppliers, regulators and researchers. Register for exhibition space and take advantage

of a national and regional audience to showcase your company, services and sustainable landscape products.

Members of CIWM and IEMA will be eligible for CPD credits and copies of the new British Standard for Topsoil will be available at a special delegate rate.

**This is *your* opportunity to get up-to-date information and ask the experts the questions that matter to *your* business.**

The cost to attend the event will be as follows:

Day 1:	Delegate rate for main conference (member*)	£90
Day 1:	Delegate rate for main conference (non-member)	£110
Day 1:	Exhibitor rate - registering before 08.02.08	£120
	Exhibitor rate - registering from 09.02.08 (Includes stand area and one delegate)	£150
Day 2:	Delegate rate for excursion	£40

### **Registration**

To register please **complete the online booking form at [www.envirolinknorthwest.co.uk](http://www.envirolinknorthwest.co.uk)**

Location maps, accommodation and Capital of Culture event information will be available following registration. Interested in staying for the weekend? We have the full listings of events and attractions in and Liverpool. Just give us a call.

If you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact Linda McGeehan on 01925 813 200 or Helen Rawlinson on 01925 856 034

We look forward to hearing from you

Kind Regards

Linda McGeehan

*\* Includes members of the following supporting organisations:*

- *Institute of Professional Soil Scientists*
- *Chartered Institute of Wastes Management*
- *Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment*
- *Landscape Institute*
- *Envirolink Northwest members*
- *Buy Recycled Code*
- *Remade Network UK*
- *The Composting Association*
- *BALI*