

# Soils in the Developed Landscape

Aintree Racecourse, Liverpool

10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2008

## March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – Agenda

- 09.00            **Registration & Networking**
- 10.00            **Introduction & scene setting**  
The chair will welcome delegates to the event and set the scene  
*Prof. John Handley, University of Manchester*
- 10.15            **Soil functionality & ecosystem service delivery in urban environments**  
*Dick Thompson – National Soil Research Institute and president of the Institute of Professional Soil Scientists*
- 10.35            **Legislation when using soils & soil forming materials**  
Regulatory demands when using natural, recycled or manufactured soil and soil forming materials (mineral and organic).  
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- 10.55            **Q & A**
- 11.05            **Refreshment Break**
- 11.30            **Soil quality assurance – New British Standard & best practice guidance**  
An overview and impact of the new British Standard for Topsoil (BS3882: 2007) developed in response to key drivers and environmental responsibility.  
*Dr Tim Evans, Tim Evans Environment*
- 11.50            **Topsoil Quality Protocol & specification**  
An update on the Quality Protocol for uncontaminated topsoil, which seeks to take this material out of the waste framework  
*Dr. David Tompkins, WRAP*
- 12.10            **From sustainable procurement to healthy soils**  
With increasing demand for sustainable use of materials, corporate social responsibility and environmental awareness, this presentation will present opportunities to demonstrate environmental benefits to business, as well as projects.  
*Dr. Helen Rawlinson – Envirolink Northwest*
- 12.30            **Q & A**
- 12.40            **Lunch**
- 14.00            **Examples of best practice in action**  
A selection of case studies demonstrating use of compost to condition and manufacture soil in landscape and regeneration projects.  
*Paul Mathers, WRAP*
- 14.20            **Biodiversity & ecological benefits of the soil resource**  
Potential habitat creation & improvements - Case studies will be presented relating to good soil management and use of soil forming materials for biodiversity and ecological benefit.  
*Dr. Phil Putwain - Ecological Restoration Consultants*  
*Dr D. Hackett – Solum Environmental*
- 14.40            **Q & A**
- 14.50            **Refreshment Break**
- 15.15            **Making best use of soils – The new code of practice for the sustainable use & management of soils on construction sites'**

Code of practice for the sustainable use and management of soils on construction sites. Should soil audits form part of every site development project?  
*Malcolm Reeve - Land Research Associates*

15.35 **Forward planning & landscape applications**  
The benefits of early planning, designing with sustainability in mind, soil audits and sourcing local and recycled content materials. This presentation includes examples of successes where early contractor and stakeholder involvement have formed part of the development strategy  
*David Evans - Land Restoration Trust*

15.55 **Q & A**

16.05 **Closing Remarks**  
*Prof. John Handley, University of Manchester*

**Drinks Reception**

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