

## Autumn 2013 CRN Agency Meeting - Programme

26 & 27 September

sportscotland Offices, Templeton, Scotland

### Theme:

Following the Spring 2013 meeting in Northern Ireland, this event will continue to explore the theme of urban outdoor recreation but with the additional theme of the Commonwealth Games and its legacy running through the visit.

On day one our site visits will look at the new mountain bike trails that have been developed in Glasgow for the Commonwealth Games, with stunning views over the city; the redevelopment of an area of derelict land next to the national sports arena for informal recreation, creating an attractive green resource in a deprived areas of Glasgow; and finishing with and a chance to see the new £100m Emirates Sports Arena (including the Sir Chris Hoy velodrome) and athletes village that have been developed for the Commonwealth Games.

On day two, the seminar will delve into how Scotland's access rights are being delivered and addressed within Scotland's largest city; followed by a presentation on Forestry Commission Scotland's Commonwealth Community Woodlands Initiative, which is their contribution to the Commonwealth Games national legacy plan; and last but not least, Scottish Canals will present on their plans for recreation provision in and around Glasgow on the canals network, with a focus on the new paddlesport facility which has been developed in the heart of the city.

### Day 1 - Thursday 26 September

09:30 Refreshments

09:45 Business meeting:

1. Minutes and actions from previous meeting – papers 1 & 2
2. 2014 conference update – paper 3 (conference flier)
3. 2014 agency meetings – paper 4
4. Process for appointing CRN officers – paper 5
5. Process for appointing CRN secretariat – papers 6 & 7
6. Membership – paper 8
7. Network terms of reference – paper 9
8. CRN accounts – paper 10

11:15 Break

11:30 Information exchange (new collated format)

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Site visits:

1. **Cathkin Braes**, with Allan Maclean, Glasgow City Council  
Cathkin Braes has been developed as the site for cross country mountain biking competition at the Commonwealth Games. Alan Mclean from Glasgow City Council will show us round part of the site to see some of the trail features that have been developed, explain the development process for the facility and some of the challenges involved with that, talk about its management and touch on the legacy that the facility will provide for Glasgow after the Games.



2. **Cunningar Loop**, with Tom Wallace, Forestry Commission Scotland

Cunningar Loop is a derelict site where the old tenements of the Gorbals were dumped in the 1960's and 70s. Forestry Commission Scotland working with Clyde Gateway, as part of the redevelopment of the east end of Glasgow, has started work to redevelop the site to provide an attractive informal recreational resource. Tom Wallace and the access officers from both Glasgow City and South Lanarkshire Council will take us on a short tour of the site to see some of the works that have been started and explain the development proposals for the site. This is part of FCS contribution to the Commonwealth Games legacy work and the site is situated directly next to the national indoor sports arena and athletes village to be used during the Games.



3. **Velodrome and Emirates Arena**, with Jim Riach, Scottish Cycling

The last part of the day will be lead by Scottish Cycling who will give us a short tour of the Emirates Arena, which will be a main focus for events during the Commonwealth Games. In particular Scottish Cycling will be able to provide detail on the development of the velodrome and its design and use. Following the facility visit there may also be an opportunity to informally visit the site for the athletes' village before returning to town.



19:30 Evening meal (Guys Restaurant – [www.guysrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.guysrestaurant.co.uk))

## Day 2 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

09:30 Refreshments

09:45 Business meeting round-up

10:15 Seminar:

1. **Urban Access Issues**

*Sue Hilder, Glasgow City Council*

Sue will present on some of the challenges and practicalities involved with delivering access rights in a large urban area, an area of access provision that has not traditionally had much attention in Scotland. Sue will also look at what opportunities have and might arise for access provision as a legacy of the 2014 Commonwealth Games.



2. **Commonwealth Community Woodlands Initiative**

*Hugh McNish, Forestry Commission Scotland*

The Commonwealth Woods is an initiative comprising thirteen woods in and around Glasgow that aims to engage with people living in socially and economically deprived communities and encourage them to visit their local woods more often. The presentation will look at how this Commonwealth Games National Legacy project is using existing networks and activities to inspire local communities to use their woods and raising the benefits of being active outdoors.





### 3. Paddlesports at Pinkston Basin

*Richard Millar, Scottish Canals and Andy Watt, Pinkston Paddlesports*

Richard will outline to develop the canal network in and around Glasgow for recreation. Richard will focus on a current project to develop a redundant part of the Forth and Clyde canal for a new white water and canoe polo paddlesport facility. Andy Watt will join Richard in his presentation to look at the Pinkston Basing facility from a user's perspective and touch on who the facility will be used in the future and how its location in the heart of Glasgow will encourage use by a broad cross section of the population.



11:45 Closing remarks and discussion

12:15 Lunch and depart

### Meeting Venue

This meeting is kindly being hosted by **sportscotland**. The meeting venue address is:

#### **sportscotland**

Doges

Templeton on the Green

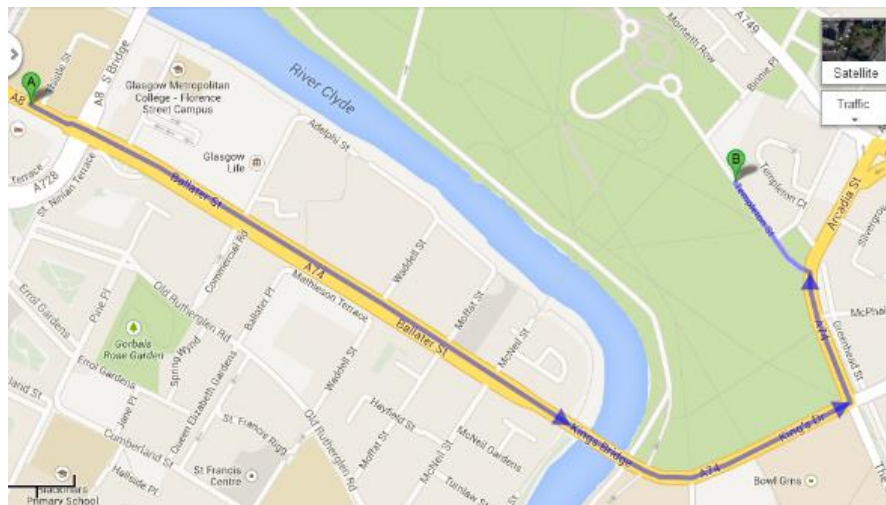
62 Templeton Street

Glasgow G40 1DA.

Tel: 0141 534 6500

### Accommodation

CRN has an allocation of rooms at the Premier Inn Glasgow City Centre South (80 Balleter Street - 15mins walk to **sportscotland** office, Templeton – see map). The room rate is £72.50 pppn (plus £8.25 for breakfast). Please advise Kathryn if you would like to book accommodation.



Driving to the hotel:

Exit M8 at J15 marked Cathedral. Go straight over the 1st set of traffic lights. Go left at the 2nd set of traffic lights. Go right at the next set of traffic lights onto High Street, which becomes Saltmarket. Carry straight on across the Albert Bridge. Turn right at the first set of traffic lights. The Hotel is on your left, before the railway bridge. Hotel postcode: G5 0TW

### Early Arrivals

For those members arriving on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, an evening meal has been organised at Café Source ([www.cafesource.co.uk](http://www.cafesource.co.uk)). Please advise if attending the meal.

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