

"Green Visions" Event

23rd March 2016
7.00pm at MK Gallery
Central Milton Keynes

The Fred Roche Foundation wants to champion the concept of Milton Keynes as a Garden City - a "City of Trees". This event will explore the importance of landscape design and focus on the central role it plays in defining the character and structure of our city.

The speakers will debate the crucial role of landscape in the original vision of MK, how it was developed, and the value and issues of the maturing landscape in the life of the city today.

FRF invites you to join us in determining how to use our experience of creating a "City of Trees" along with examples from elsewhere, and to consider how to best inform what is now becoming a critical part of the growth debate - the need for an inspiring vision for local and regional growth, and a green and liveable city.



CHAIR

David Lock Strategic Planning Adviser, David Lock Associates
CBE Vice President, Town and Country Planning Association
President, Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre
Board Member, Ebbsfleet Development Corporation

SPEAKERS

Kathryn Moore Professor of Landscape Architecture, Birmingham City University

Kathryn has lectured and published extensively on design quality, theory, education and practice. Her book 'Overlooking the Visual: Demystifying the Art of Design' (2010) crosses the boundaries between philosophy, theory and practice.

Kathryn is a Past President of the Landscape Institute, and World President of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA)

Neil Higson Chief Landscape Architect, Milton Keynes Development Corporation (1977-88)

Neil established and led the Central Landscape Unit at MKDC which was responsible for planning, design, implementation and management of the comprehensive landscape programme for Milton Keynes Development Corporation from 1977 to 1988.

He was a founder member and chairman of the Fred Roche Foundation (1996 to 2011) and remains a Trustee.

Will Cousins Chair, David Lock Associates

Previously worked at MKDC where he was responsible for planning and design coordination of the Western Flank. Will has since developed his expertise in the regeneration of brownfield sites and in the strategic planning and structuring of new communities.

Will is currently Chair of Milton Keynes Theatre and Gallery Company.

To book your seat please go to the MK Gallery web site:
http://www.mkgallery.org/events/2016_03_23/green_visions/

Milton Keynes is currently undergoing 2 important reviews:
The PLAN MK Strategic Directions Consultation which closes on the 6th April 2016,
and the MK Futures 2050 Commission which will be producing a report by July 2016.

If you have been inspired by this and other FRF talks then please support the MK City of Trees concept and join in the growth and planning debate on the council's website:

<http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/plan-mk>

