



SURF
Scotland's Regeneration Forum

SURF : sharing experience : shaping practice

2018 SURF STUDY VISIT: THU 14 JUNE PROGRAMME FOR BRITISH COUNCIL POLAND DELEGATION

Purpose: To share and exchange information on the project themes of place-based regeneration, the planning system, housing supply, and social regeneration in Scotland.

Venue: In the Mary Barbour Suite of the Pearce Institute, a historically significant building on 840-860 Govan Road in the south of Glasgow, within a five minute walk of Govan subway station ([location map](#)).

Date: Thursday 14 June 2018.

MORNING SESSION – NATIONAL CONTEXT

- 10:45am **Coffee, welcome and introductions**
SURF Director **Ken McKinlay** will provide an overview of the day's programme.
- 11:00am **Guest Presentation: Phil Prentice, Chief Officer, Scotland's Towns Partnership**
Scotland's Towns Partnership is a national organisation that provides practical support for the country's towns, and holds responsibility for delivering key elements of the Scottish Government's Town Centre Action Plan.
- 11:20pm **The SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration**
SURF's **Emma Scott** will tell delegates about SURF's prestigious and long-running regeneration project awards process, highlighting some recent winners.
- 11:40am **Questions and Comments**
SURF's Ken McKinlay will facilitate an open discussion on the similarities and contrasts between regeneration policy and practice in Scotland and Poland.
- 12:20pm **Lunch**
A buffet lunch will be served in the Pearce Institute.

AFTERNOON SESSION – LOCAL RESPONSES

- 1:00pm **Govan in Overview**
SURF Development and Learning **Elaine Cooper** will provide some detail on the history of the socially and economically challenged Govan community of Glasgow and ongoing regeneration activities.
- 1:15pm **Walking Tour of Govan**
SURF colleagues will take delegates on a short tour of Govan town centre and waterfront, highlighting some key physical regeneration developments.
- 2:10pm **Local Project Visit: The Govan Stones**
Visitors will receive a guided tour of The Govan Stones, a set of early medieval sculptures that commemorate Govan's history as a Seat of Kings in the ancient Kingdom of Strathclyde, by Project Manager **Frazer Capie**. On display in Govan Old Church, the Stones have become a popular tourist attraction, named Scotland's "best hidden gem" in a 2017 history, heritage and archaeology competition.
- 2:40pm **Guest Presentation: Fiona MacTaggart, Chief Executive, Govan Housing Association**
Govan Housing Association was Scotland's first community-based Housing Association. In addition to the management and development of a wide range of local housing, the Association is closely involved in several regeneration initiatives.
- 3:00pm **Open Discussion**
Delegates are invited to discuss comparative views and lessons based on the approaches to regeneration in Govan in a closing session.
- 3:30pm **Close of Visit**

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