



2018 SURF STUDY VISIT: WED 21 MARCH PROGRAMME FOR BRITISH COUNCIL POLAND DELEGATION

Purpose: To share and exchange information on the project themes of public space improvement, entrepreneurship development, 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 8 March 2018.

MORNING SESSION – NATIONAL CONTEXT

- 10:45am **Coffee, welcome and introductions**
SURF Chief Executive **Andy Milne** will provide an overview of the day's programme.
- 11:00am **About SURF and Regeneration in Scotland**
Andy Milne and SURF Policy Manager **Derek Rankine** will provide delegates with information on SURF's role and activities, and the context for regeneration policy in Scotland, including references to current and forthcoming strategies.
- 11:30am **Guest Presentation: Diarmaid Lawlor, Head of Urbanism, A&DS**
Architecture & Design Scotland (A&DS) is the Scottish Government's agency for architecture, urban design and placemaking. It supports the delivery of a wide range of buildings and places including public sector facilities, town centres and regeneration schemes. Head of Urbanism **Diarmaid Lawlor** will talk about how A&DS helps people in Scotland shape the buildings and places they live and work in.
- 11:50am **Questions and Comments**
SURF will facilitate an open discussion on the similarities and contrasts between urban design, place-making and regeneration policy priorities and challenges in Scotland and Poland.

AFTERNOON SESSION – LOCAL RESPONSES

- 12:15pm **Lunch**
Delegates will be advised on local lunch venues.
- 1:20pm **Govan in Overview**
SURF Development and Learning **Elaine Cooper** will provide some detail on the history of the Govan community of Glasgow and selected current regeneration activities.
- 1:40pm **Walking Tour of Govan**
SURF colleagues will take delegates on a short tour of Govan town centre, walkway and waterfront, highlighting some key physical regeneration developments.
- 2:00pm **Local Project Visit: Fairfield Heritage Centre**
Visitors will receive a guided tour of a historic Govan shipyard office, which has been converted into a popular public museum and office space for creative businesses. Centre Manager **Abigail Morris** will provide a guided tour and an overview of local body Govan Workspace, which supports the development of small businesses.
- 2:30pm **Guest Presentation: Owen Fenn, Project Manager, Govan Community Project**
Back at Pearce Institute, Owen Fenn will provide an overview of the work of the Govan Community Project social regeneration charity, which provides services for people from ethnic minority backgrounds, such as weekly drop-ins, advice, information, cultural events, English classes and a food project.
- 2:50pm **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.
- 3:10pm **Questions and Comments**
Delegates are invited to discuss comparative views and lessons based on Govan's regeneration challenges and the SURF Awards examples in a closing session.
- 3:40pm **Close of Visit**

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