


IAKS UK & Ireland Cymru – Wales Spring Conference

Proposed Date: 10 - 11 April 2025

Location: The Principality Stadium Cardiff - Wales

Theme: How Can Modern S&L Facilities Better Serve the Needs of Our Communities?

This mini conference explores 'if' and 'how' the sports and leisure needs of people have been changing. It asks 'who' and 'what' is driving these changes. It will ask could the services and facilities be delivered in a better way to meet those needs and suggests how.

 Day 1 – Defining the Issues and Needs		10th April 2025
Time		Speaker
12:00 - 13:00	Arrival – Registration coffee/tea	
13:00 - 13:10	Croeso/Welcome – Bore da/Good morning	Shaun Dawson
13:10 - 13:25	Introducing the themes. Why, Who and How?	Joanne Martin
13:30 - 14:00	Keynote: Our Future Generations Our Obligation – The Future Generations Act and the real needs in Wales by the Commissioner for the Act	Derek Walker
14:10 - 14:40	“Supporting the delivery of sports facilities for future generations”	Owen Hathway, Sport Wales
14:50 - 15:15	Coffee/Tea	
15:15 - 15:45	Health and well being centres	Paul Cluett, Alliance Leisure
15:55 - 16:25	Health and wellbeing defined. Physical, mental and social .	TBC
16:30 - 17:00	The needs of the communities for a new type of centre	TBC
Tour of Cardiff Village and International Sports Facilities and conference supper		
Networking meal - separate payment to be confirmed in advance		

**Day 2 – Thinking Differently to Deliver Better****11th April 2025**

Time		Speaker
08:30 - 09:00	Coffee/Tea on arrival	
09:00 - 09:15	Introducing the day - Thinking differently. Why, Who and Where	Moderator + TBC
09:20 - 09:50	Don't Build – outreach	Lucy Donovan Positive Future
10:00 - 10:30	Minimum input – maximum value. Lessons from Norway	Lisa Mari Watson, Tverga
10:40 - 11:10	Delivering activity for the young by repurposing	Stephen Dietz- Hodgson, JAJA architects
11:15 - 11:45	Coffee/Tea	
11:45 - 12:15	Being an entrepreneur manager. Lessons from Wales Summary and thoughts	Steve Ward, Newport Live
12:25- 12:55	Being a different Client, delivering a different way of working	Barry Dempsey & Eoin O'Brien, DLR
13:00 - 14:30	Tour of the Stadium + Lunch in the room + Networking	
14:30 - 15:00	Activating Cities - Uppsala, Sweden	Mikael Johansson, Uppsala City Council
15:10 - 15:25	Summary and thoughts	Joanne Martin
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee/Tea + Workshop	
16:00 - 16:30	Workshop – working together- thinking differently + considering different issues	Moderator & Groups
16:30 -	Diolch/Thanks – Summing up and Hwyl fawr/ Goodbye	Shaun Dawson
	<i>After conference drinks tbc</i>	