

Seminar series No. 74

The future of the urban forest

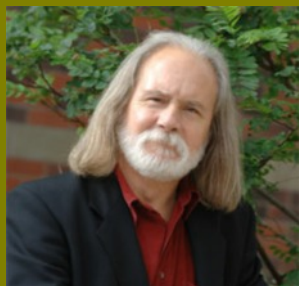
Barcham Trees presents a seminar with

■ **Alan Simson**

At Barcham Trees

26th June

9.30am-3.30pm



Alan Simson

→ The day will be **FREE OF CHARGE** with

Breakfast and lunch included (Please note, we are unable to cater for individual needs)

Places are limited to 60 so register **NOW!**

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The speed of urbanisation on our planet is breath-taking. The UN estimated in 2015 that 60% of the urban areas that would exist by 2030 had yet to be built. The UK will contribute to this, with our population of 65.6 million in 2016 expected to rise to 69.2 million by 2026.

The UN accordingly published their New Urban Agenda (NUA) at the end of 2016. The NUA represented a shared vision for a better and more resilient future – one in which all people have equal rights and access to the benefits and opportunities that cities can offer, and in which the international community reconsiders the urban systems and physical form of our urban spaces to achieve this

The NUA also acknowledged the critical role that urban forestry / urban greening would play in this and, as a result, the first World Forum on Urban Forests took place in Mantova, Italy at the end of 2017. The vision we promoted in Mantova was one of communities where urban and peri-urban forests are recognised for the wide range of benefits they provide, and that trees and green spaces are viewed as Critical Infrastructure, like utilities and transportation, and thus are a strategic component of the landscape.

This seminar will consider these issues, as well as pursuing the fact that trees and urban forestry benefit all of us by making our communities greener, healthier, happier, cooler, wilder, cleaner, wealthier and safer. Each of these aspects will be considered in detail.

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Profiles



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Alan Simson is Professor of Landscape Architecture and Urban Forestry at Leeds Beckett University. He is an Urban Spaceman, and has been involved with urban futures / urban landscapes / urban forestry for many years, having gained extensive professional experience in the UK New Towns, private practice (including his own) and higher education, both in the UK and abroad. He has been involved with many EU research projects on urban green infrastructure and urban forestry, some of which he has led on behalf of the UK, as well as being involved in many national, regional and local committees /activities.

He is a member of the LI's Plant Health and Biosecurity Group, Chair of the Steering Group of the White Rose Forest, a member of the International Committee of the European Forum on Urban Forestry, and lead UK representative on the FAO's Asia-Pacific Meeting on Urban Forestry.

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