

Spaceshaper Facilitators

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Catherine Abbott MLI – North West

Catherine is a chartered landscape architect who currently works for Taylor Young, a multi disciplinary consultancy of architects, urban designers, landscape architects and planners based in Manchester and Liverpool. Within her role at Taylor Young, Catherine undertakes a range of work within the public realm for a variety of clients including Local Government, housing developers, educational establishments and primary care trusts. The scale of work varies from master planning and town centre strategies to detailed planting and hard landscape design.

Through her employment at Taylor Young, Catherine regularly facilitates community consultation and has presentation skills that effectively engage with all members of society in both the professional and public arena. Catherine appreciates the importance of consultation and how it can be effectively integrated through the development process from strategy to implementation. She views Spaceshaper as an effective tool to help guide the future of outdoor spaces in a manner that reflects the aspirations of local people. Catherine is happy to travel to the Midlands for Spaceshaper events.

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Alexandra Allen - Bristol

Alexandra Allen is a Senior Project Officer with Sustrans, the UK's leading sustainable transport charity. She helps to deliver projects under Sustrans' Liveable Neighbourhoods programme, working with local residents and other partners to create high quality urban environments which promote sustainable travel behaviour and are safe, pleasant places to live in and visit.

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Eric Anderson – Tyne and Wear / North-East England

Eric has over 20 years experience working in the field of community development specialising in play and recreation. He is Development Officer for Tyne & Wear Play Association, a registered charity which provides support and advice to community groups, helping them to plan and provide outdoor play facilities.

Much of this work involves research, consultation and development of proposals for play facilities in which people from the community directly participate in helping to shape the proposals. A participative approach is at the heart of the way Eric works and the Spaceshaper tool perfectly compliments this way of working.

Eric would be prepared to travel to other parts of the country to carry out Spaceshaper work.

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Phil Back, MMRS - Tadcaster

Phil is a local government research expert with over twenty years' experience in group facilitation, much of it on subjects linked to open space. He describes himself as an expert in consultation with knowledge of open spaces and planning, rather than the other way round! He has worked in and with local authorities for many years, and now runs a freelance research consultancy from his home in Yorkshire. A full member of the Market Research Society, Phil is in demand as a speaker and facilitator and works across the country carrying out research and consultation work for local authorities and other public sector bodies, with both mainstream and harder-to-engage groups, using a mix of traditional and more innovative approaches.

Phil has worked with a number of authorities on PPG17 and similar studies and has also run consultation for several site-specific projects. His open spaces clients include Cambridge City Council, Hartlepool Borough Council, Erewash Borough Council and South Northamptonshire Council.

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Kenneth Barnsley, Manchester

Kenneth is passionate about consultation and involvement of people in the decisions that affect their lives. He has more than 20 years experience of research and consultation in local government, voluntary and the private sector. He is a director of Quaternion, an economic development consultancy that involves policy makers and local people in developing community plans and evaluating the impact of neighbourhood renewal.

Kenneth knows that the spaces around us affect our lives and understands the importance of public space and the needs of local people to influence the way those spaces develop. Public spaces in our communities are fundamental to regeneration and the way communities are perceived; whether they are beautiful, peaceful, scary, scruffy or enjoyable.

Kenneth has run focus groups, workshops and conferences involving up to two hundred people. He is confident he'll be able to help you use Spaceshaper for involving communities and professionals in reaching agreed ways of working to transform public spaces for the benefit of communities.

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Nigel Boldero – Norwich and East of England

Nigel has a passion for good environmental design and involving people in achieving this. Originally trained in urban and regional planning he has senior level experience of local government, government agencies, the NHS, voluntary bodies and community renewal partnerships.

Nigel has been operating on a freelance basis since 2002. Commissions include development work with trustees and senior staff of voluntary organisations; devising investment plans for social infrastructure in a major growth area; research, planning and training on social enterprise, asset development, project management and partnership working and advising neighbourhood renewal partnerships.

He also offers landscape and garden design services and has a special interest in creating community-led environmental projects, play landscapes, recreational and other public spaces. He works with partnerships, community and other groups at all stages of the design process through to implementation.

Nigel is a member of the Design Review and Enabling Panels for *Inspire East*, the Regional Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Communities. He is also in the course of becoming a Green Pennant Award judge.

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Phil Chambers – West Yorkshire

Phil Chambers, a wheelchair user established CEM, an independent consultancy, in 2002 to provide advice and support to countryside, heritage and green space managers looking to develop more socially inclusive leisure programmes. In particular, responding to the needs of people with disabilities. He was formerly Director of the Fieldfare Trust and was very involved in the publishing of the BT Countryside for Standards and Guidelines and Waterways Access for All, with British Waterways. He was also a member of the Doorstep Greens national steering group and is presently a CABE Space - Strategic Enabler and HLF - National Directory of Expert Advisors. He has a wide background in consultancy, training and development initiatives to benefit socially excluded groups in outdoor and heritage environments.

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Yvonne Deane – the North

Yvonne Deane is an experienced consultant working for the public sector (local authorities, statutory agencies), private sector (architects, developers) and the voluntary sector (including arts, media and community organisations). Yvonne is an approved CABE Spaceshaper facilitator, a qualified Prince2 project manager and an accredited LVT practitioner offering a range of creative and enjoyable participatory consultation and planning techniques, tailored to fit the needs of individual projects. Yvonne has worked with local communities, design teams and stakeholders on a wide range of capital build and public realm projects from historic parks, children's play areas, public squares and towns centres, to performing arts centres, artists studios, public libraries, Children's Centres, and community centres. Recent consultation projects include: Spaceshaper workshops for rural market towns in West Yorkshire, partnership building workshops for a £5million joint youth centre and 14-19s college in Castleford, design development workshops for a major new museum library development in Bradford and knowledge exchange workshops for Love It Share It, an innovative regeneration research programme in inner city Leeds.

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Tracey Dickinson – London

Tracey currently works for Southwark Council within the Area Management and Community Engagement Unit and has over 7 years experience of working with local communities and hard to reach groups. Over the last four years she has worked in local government leading on visual audits within the community, co-ordinating and facilitating a large community grants scheme as well as communicating with local residents, businesses other key stakeholders on a daily basis. Tracey has undertaken a number successful consultation projects and is committed to enabling local residents, businesses and communities to have their say on how the public realm should be shaped for the future.

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Sue France - Sheffield

With a background of over 30 years in the Parks and Landscape sector in both rural and urban areas Sue has spent the past 7 years heavily involved in the regeneration of Sheffield's parks and open spaces. She is currently Chief Executive of Green Estate Ltd, a social enterprise that grew out of a community based approach to neighbourhood regeneration in the Manor and Castle wards in South Sheffield and which is dedicated to raising and sustaining public realm standards across some of the most deprived and challenging urban environments in the UK.

Sue has been an advisor with CABI Space from the onset, has supported a number of Local Authorities in the development of their Green Space Strategies and is currently chair of Sheffield's GSS quality and audit working group. She has been the mentor for the Sheffield Liveability pilot testing approaches to 'service reform'.

She is now project managing one of Sheffield's Housing Market Renewal 'Transformational' projects, piloting an approach to coordinated green space management which embeds Space Shaper as one of the integral audit tools.

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Antony Geddes - Cheshire

Antony works at TEP, an environmental consultancy in Warrington where he practices as a Landscape Manager. He gained his qualifications at Sheffield University where he completed a BA in Landscape Architecture and Town Planning and subsequent professional Diploma in Landscape Management where he was awarded a Distinction. Antony currently manages Landscape Management contracts for numerous sizeable areas of formally designed areas across the country on behalf of English Partnerships.

His other work is focused towards producing PPG17 greenspace audits, landscape management procurement strategies with registered social landlords and designing and managing wildlife corridors. Antony is also interested in marketing and graphic design and manages the marketing team at TEP. Prior to his work at TEP, Antony has spent time working in the landscape industry both in the UK and Canada. He has specialised in the production of landscape feasibility reports and soft landscape design for projects spanning the UK and North American Continent, including the production of a re-vegetation strategy for the Vancouver Winter Olympics 2010. This work has involved extensive use of graphic design software and digital photography and well as Computer Aided Design.

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Pat Gilbey - Greater London and Essex

Pat Gilbey is a freelance Creative Arts Professional. She specialises in designing and facilitating creative learning workshops for organisations, and individuals, in the public and private sector.

An experienced storyteller, she uses stories to provide environments which enable groups to explore issues, and discover what could be.

In her role as Community Engagement Consultant, Pat collects stories from within communities, regarding a designated space for possible regeneration, and their relationship to it, past, present and future. This technique works in all communities, and is particularly useful for engaging with “hard to reach” groups. Although it is not a measuring tool, it acts as a catalyst for generating ideas and dialogue.

Through their stories, a community begins to learn more about itself and the needs of each other. The stories also begin to form a dialogue with the client and design team regarding the space.

Two pieces of text work have been incorporated into designs as public art.

Since being invited to facilitate Spaceshaper events Pat sees it as an excellent tool for bridging disparity between “users”, “client” and “design team”.

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Elaine Goad – Southampton and the South

Elaine Goad currently works as a landscape architect for Capita Symonds and works on a variety of community based projects on a variety of project scales. She has worked on several large social housing development projects, through the various stages of the consultation and design processes. She has worked closely with the local housing departments to coordinate public consultation. She has also worked on many school projects within the city.

Elaine has successfully facilitated a Spaceshaper workshop for the Friends of Fortune Green in Hampstead to investigate the opinions and attitudes of local residents and businesses on the space and its future. The group then used the report and findings to apply for government funding. She has a Geography BSc and Landscape Architecture degree and also worked for several years as a Green and School Travel Plan Coordinator working on sustainable travel promotion and facilitation, which gave her practical experience at leading seminars and training sessions with head teachers, parents and children. She worked with disabled people in a previous role.

She is a trained Spaceshaper facilitator and has attended walkability audit courses. She is interested in making the public realm more pleasant and accessible for walking and supporting people to make walking and cycling their transport choice, as well as being committed to sustainable development. Elaine is available for projects in the South and is looking to expand her experience of consultation on different types of projects.

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Stewart Harding - Reading

Dr Harding is a director of The Parks Agency and advisor to the Heritage Lottery Fund and CABI. In his professional, academic and voluntary capacities he has been in the forefront of the movement to improve parks and gardens since 1984. With The Parks Agency he has carried out many research and evaluation projects for English Heritage, English Nature, the Countryside Agency, Heritage Lottery Fund and CABI, including reviews of Green Flag Awards and Parkforce and has advised many local authorities on park management and restoration.

He also set up and ran HLF’s successful Urban Parks Programme, awarding £170 million to 250 urban park restoration projects over four years and managed the historic parks and

gardens scheme for the Countryside Commission, supporting more than 50 restoration projects in the West Country including the Lost Gardens of Heligan.

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Julie Harrison – Northern Ireland

Julie is interested in the relationship between communities and the places where they live, especially where space is contested. She has a PhD in Psychology, a Certificate in Horticulture and works as an independent consultant with expertise in evaluation, strategic thinking and facilitation.

Since 1993, she has been working in Northern Ireland on behalf of public sector and community/voluntary organisations including: Belfast Regeneration Office, the Community Foundaion for Northern Ireland, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Department for Social Development, the Community Relations Council, local strategic partnerships and local Government. Julie provides:

- Contemporary knowledge of the public policy environment, neighbourhood renewal, local regeneration programmes and community capacity building;
- Fourteen years of engagement and facilitation for community and voluntary sector clients and programmes including the EU Urban Initiative, the 'Peace Programmes' in Northern Ireland, Communities in Transition and Neighbourhood Renewal.

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Paul Holdsworth – Kendal

Paul has specialised in public realm community consultation for several years, initially with national charity Living Streets, and currently as the Town Centre Manager for Windermere, Bowness, Ambleside and Grasmere in The Lake District.

Paul set up Consultancy Services at Living Streets, developing the Community Street Audit tool and delivering audits to local authorities nationwide. Paul wrote the Community Street Audit DIY Pack, and has trained council officers in the art of creating more pedestrian-friendly streets through workshops and seminars.

In looking at public space with local people, Paul's approach is to employ end-users' experience and detailed understanding of how their places work to identify changes that can win broad acceptance, and create a collaborative relationship between place users and place managers.

As Town Centre Manager for four celebrated Lakeland communities, Paul will involve residents, businesses, place managers and project funders in developing a positive relationship for enhancements to the public realm that maintain the distinctive identities of these special places.

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Bimal Kotecha – London

Bimal currently works as a Senior Change Management Consultant with Turner and Townsend. The role sees him assisting all divisions from strategic planning, mergers and acquisitions through project and programme management, focused on personnel and performance maximisation across private and public sector organisations globally and in the UK. He previously worked for Southwark Council for 4 years, within the Area Management and Community Engagement Unit in the context of Coordination, Programme Management and Consultation across the Public Realm, Community Safety, Regeneration, Environment and Housing Divisions. Functioning as the Operational problem solving lead and Strategic author of the local area plan strategy, he is regularly involved with projects and processes that seek to enhance public and stakeholder participation in shaping and sustaining the future of the borough.

Having developed strong communications skills with over 11 years experience as a Clinical/Educational Psychologist and Behaviour Consultant in Los Angeles, California, he is well versed in individual, group and organisational facilitation and offers a broad and holistic approach to develop and empower personal and social transformation

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Stefan Kruczkowski - Derbyshire

Stefan has extensive experience of working on community driven regeneration projects, particularly those centred around improving public and green spaces.

One such project was selected as a pilot for Spaceshaper by CABE Space. Stefan therefore has in depth experience and knowledge of Spaceshaper as both a participant and as a facilitator.

Stefan has experience of managing project from inception through to completion, including undertaking all forms of public consultation (including promoting and marketing events) and identifying and securing sources of development funding.

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Debbie Lucas - Manchester

Debbie is the Training and Development manager for TPAS, (Tenant Participation Advisory Service) a national organisation that is committed to building strong communities through effective tenant, resident and community involvement and consultation.

Debbie has over 20 years of work experience in the social housing sector and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Housing. She is a qualified trainer (PGCE in Teaching Adults in Further Education) and holds an MA (ECON) in Researching Social Policy and Welfare

Debbie has extensive experience of facilitation including running focus groups, seminars, workshops and training courses for housing staff and residents on a wide range of topics including working with groups on regeneration and community development projects. This includes sessions for local authorities on stock options appraisal, resident involvement and housing policy. Debbie regularly works with a range of Government agencies including the Communities and Local Government Department (CLG) the Housing Corporation, the Home Office and DEFRA to organise and facilitate discussion groups as a tool to inform policy formation and dissemination.

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John Minett – Oxford UK and Phoenix Arizona, USA

John presently practices urban design in Phoenix, Arizona, promoting the concept of *Sociable Cities*: places where multi-modal streets support community, traffic is calm, parking civilized and places are friendly for pedestrians and bicyclists. It is the antithesis of Auto City, which is still the paradigm for the US.

After teaching planning in Oxford, John went to the US in 1991 as a professor at Arizona State University. Since then he has concentrated on community involvement in renewal and revitalization of public space, applied in a variety of projects ranging from downtown city neighbourhoods and parks to homeowners associations and Indian reservations. He has produced advisory reports for conserving historic communities and for making streets into friendly places: advocating parking reform, crosswalks and shared space.

John now intends to work with colleagues in England, creating what are known in the US as 'complete streets': streets that are the heart of the community. He especially wants to focus on the problems of roadside villages that are split by major traffic routes. Spaceshaper, with its concentration on public involvement, is an ideal technique.

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May Molteno - Manchester

May is the Co-Director of Pathways Consultancy – a social research organisation based in Manchester. She is a highly skilled and experienced facilitator – known for her inclusive, clear and creative approach to group work.

May trains and mentors other facilitators – including delivering the national training of Spaceshaper facilitators. She manages Pathways' consultation and training work – for instance coordinating the CABE Space leaders programme, which develops the management and leadership skills of green space managers and delivering a national consultation on the proposed extensions to the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks.

May has facilitated eleven Spaceshaper workshops and one Spaceshaper 9 – 14 workshop. She loves the tool – and has just launched a blog to share innovative approaches to using it. Go to www.pathwaysdoesspaceshaper for Spaceshaper case studies, pointers for using the tool well and fab pictures of Spaceshaper in action.

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Sue Morgan - London

Sue is the Director of Around the Block Ltd, an independent multidisciplinary consultancy, specialising in projects for the public realm.

Founded in 2007, building on '*Sue Morgan Consulting*', Around the Block works with private, public and voluntary sectors. Sue is a landscape architect (pii), holds a PGCE in FE and benefits from nearly 20 years of multidisciplinary experience of public realm management, policy and project development, community development and consultation. Sue is a Cabe Space Enabler, and has extensive workshop, facilitation and engagement expertise including running Spaceshaper workshops.

This experience commenced at the Greater London Council where Sue was one of the last Apprentice Gardeners, giving her on-the-ground experience of the issues and challenges faced by today's parks. Since then Sue has worked for FE Colleges, Groundwork London, Building Services Research Information Association, Better Bankside, Notting Dale and Willowbrook Urban Study Centres and the London Borough of Southwark, where Sue was the Deputy Parks Manager for the Southwark Parks and Leisure.

Sue works across England.

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Andrew Parsons - Oxford

Andrew is an independent consultant focusing particularly on green space issues and works either alone or in partnership with others. He has a thorough understanding of local authorities having previously worked as Head of Parks and Green Spaces at Oxford City Council.

In 2003 Andrew (with Liz Greenhalgh) was responsible for the rewrite of the Green Flag Award scheme's guidance manual "Raising the Standard" and led the review of the Green Flag Award scheme in 2004 on behalf of CABI Space in partnership with Ken Worpole, Liz Greenhalgh and The Parks Agency.

He is a CABI Space Advisor and frequently provides consultancy services to CABI and CABI Space which have included a review of CABI Space's campaign PARKFORCE and the annual tracking of CABI's Performance Indicators (Design Champions and the Green Flag Award scheme). In addition Andrew has been instrumental in the development of Spaceshaper, having undertaken many of the pilot workshops during the tool's development phase.

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Ian Phillips MRTPI, MLI - Surrey

Ian Phillips is a chartered landscape architect and town planner who has worked in local authorities in both urban (LB Camden) and rural (Hart DC) environments as well as in the private sector. He chairs the Landscape Institute Technical Committee and serves on LI Council, the BSI Panel on Trees and the CABI Space Standards and Best Practice sub-group. He has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Spaceshaper tool throughout its development.

He has a broad background in both the landscape and planning fields, with extensive experience in planning policy, community involvement, trees, landscape and open space survey, planning and management, new settlements and project management. He is an experienced speaker and has organised, chaired and contributed to a number of conferences, seminars and workshops for both professional and lay groups and ranging from national to local community levels. He is now working as an independent consultant based in Farnham, Surrey, and has a particular interest in promoting the better and wider use of green space.

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Ian Richardson - Northampton

Ian has worked mainly in the voluntary sector managing and promoting open spaces in a

variety of settings, ranging from areas of urban deprivation to prestigious city centre facilities. He was parks and estates manager for the Milton Keynes parks trust for a number of years. More recently, his work has also included in green infrastructure planning, urban park regeneration, integrating access into new urban schemes, and delivering 'quality and access for all' audits for a wide variety of public spaces including the built environment and streetscapes.

He has been a member for a variety of national review including the Urban Taskforce and the national review of country parks.

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Alexandra Rook BA Dip LD - London

Alexandra Rook is currently working as Project Director for Walk London, a cross-borough partnership, funded by Transport for London, led by the City of London and managed on their behalf by The Access Company. Walk London exists to improve, promote and join up the Strategic Walk Network across London as part of the Mayor's vision of London as one of the most walk-friendly cities in Europe by 2015.

Alex is a qualified Landscape Architect with a background in landscape and urban design, community planning and regeneration in the public, private and community/voluntary sector. She has designed and delivered a number of large scale consultation and participation exercises, one of which won the RTPI Community Planning Award in 2007. She has designed and delivered training on urban design and community participation. A good lateral thinker, Alex combines creative thinking with pragmatism.

Passionate about the quality of the urban environment and a great believer in walking as the best means to encounter and explore cities, she is keen to put her skills to use in a variety of environments.

Alex is a Green Flag judge, on the editorial board of the journal Green Places, to which she contributes periodic articles, and a CABE Space enabler.

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Phil Smith - Hampshire

Phil Smith worked for 10 years in the advertising industry as a photographer before moving into the public sector, devising community photography education projects and exhibitions. Phil worked at Arts Council England from 1996 and was most recently Head of Visual Arts at the South East office until he left to pursue freelance work in 2006. Freelance projects included a period as interim CEO of a music charity and work on commissioning art in the public realm. He has a post graduate teaching qualification and has taught photography, art and design to people of all ages in the formal and informal education sector and facilitating focus groups and workshops in a variety of contexts.

Phil currently works at the Solent Centre for Architecture and Design leading on a number of projects which explore the nature and quality of public space with a particular emphasis on temporary interventions and the contribution of artists and cultural activity to the public realm and urban design.

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Richard Smith - Newcastle

Richard is a trained Spaceshaper facilitator who is also an experienced community street auditor. Richard is Consultancy Services Manager for national charity Living Streets and is responsible for managing projects for local authority clients. Richard has facilitated audits of public space with residents, officers and stakeholders across the UK, including London, Newcastle, Southampton and Worcester. Richard has also delivered walkability audit training courses for local authority professionals in Birmingham, Derby, Exeter, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, London, Sheffield, Shrewsbury, Stirling, Southampton and Wolverhampton.

Richard has practical experience of managing public sector infrastructure projects as a local authority officer and in the voluntary sector. In addition Richard has experience of working with children and young people in out of school settings in the north east and west.

Richard holds a Masters in Urban Policy and Regeneration and a Masters in Transport Engineering and Operations. Richard is available for projects across the UK and can draw on a pool of trained Spaceshaper facilitators.

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Michael Sterry – London, Essex and Hertfordshire

Michael works for Lee Valley Regional Park Authority as Performance and Information Manager, with a remit covering performance and policy management, research and information management. Lee Valley Regional Park covers 10,000 acres, containing a mosaic of open spaces and regionally significant sport and leisure facilities. In his role Michael manages the programme of user and non-user research, customer relationship management and facilitates engagement with regional communities.

With a background in leisure management, an MBA and as a National Assessor for the EFQM Business Excellence Awards, Michael offers a business focused approach.

Michael has facilitated Spaceshaper sessions at open spaces across the Regional Park, working with open space and planning staff to engage users. Spaceshaper has been successfully used to kick start sustainable relationships through user forums where staff, partners, users and communities regularly meet to discuss and plan future developments and site management.

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Jessica Thompson – North West

Jessica is the Community Liaison Manager at Red Rose Forest. Red Rose Forest promotes and develops green infrastructure across the North West region. Jessica's role in this is to promote and develop new partnerships and promote best practice in community engagement and consultation.

Jessica has considerable experience of working with and supporting community groups in projects to improve public spaces. In her previous role she was involved in the strategic development and direct delivery of the Green Streets which is an urban greening initiative. Jessica has years of experience in developing and delivering of community engagement programmes. She currently manages the delivery of a community engagement programme on *Brickfields* a £3 million NWDA/Forestry Commission Newlands project.

Jessica coordinates the Greater Manchester Forest Network, which involves facilitating skills workshops and strategic planning events.

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Michael Westley - Cornwall

Michael Westley is a Chartered Landscape Architect with a professional training and career background in inclusive design, horticulture & teaching, research & publication in higher education, both in the U.K. & overseas.

His landscape & inclusive design practice has covered work in both, private, public & voluntary sectors, including appointments as: establishing Principal for a Groundwork Trust (South West), Program Manager for the Sensory Trust (Inclusive Design Charity), CABI Space Enabler, Senior Lecturer, Course Director & Program Manager (University of Plymouth School of Architecture & Design & University College Falmouth) He has lectured at Cardiff & Cambridge Universities & Rhode Island School of Design.

His practice, Westley Design is collaborative and multi-disciplinary involving a broad range of designers, makers and educational professionals to develop, creative, holistic solutions. His portfolio includes partnership-based regeneration projects with residential communities, schools, health care environments, sustainable businesses and local authorities. In the crossover between practice and higher education Michael has developed trans-disciplinary programs focusing on urban regeneration.

Michael's work attempts to create a sustainable relationship between people and place. In particular he is drawn to create environments supportive of health, healing and enriched sensory learning.

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Stuart Younger – Manchester but prepared to cover the North West

Stuart has worked for five years in regeneration and related work within local government, initially as Co-ordinator for a Community Safety Partnership in North Yorkshire, then for the last two years as Co-ordinator of Market Town Partnerships, first in Howden, East Yorkshire, and more recently in Sandbach, Cheshire.

Alongside full-time work Stuart has completed two post-graduate qualifications: a Masters Degree in Local and Regional Regeneration at Leeds Metropolitan University and prior to this a Post-Graduate Diploma in Local Government Management, through the University of Birmingham.

Stuart is currently working part-time and taking on additional freelance work in the fields of regeneration project development, partnership development, funding applications, strategy development, community engagement – including as a CABI Spaceshaper facilitator and other related work.

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