

Urban Design CPD: “Urban Design in a Changing Environment” - a two day course for Architects, Landscape Architects, Engineers and Planners.

10th & 11th November 2008

The Urban Forum has developed a continuing professional development course for professionals involved in placemaking. The CPD will be presented in an innovative and engaging format, combining **hands-on workshops** focused on developing urban design skills with discussions and seminars involving eminent thinkers and practitioners in Planning, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Engineering and the Environment. The course will bring public and private practitioners up-to-date with the latest policy tools available as well as providing a unique opportunity to further develop and refine **urban design skills and techniques** in a supportive environment including analysis, design, communication, sustainability, concept planning and masterplanning.

Team working and **collaboration** between the professions will be a key theme, reflecting the multi-disciplinary nature of design. Over the course of the two days, participants working in small multi-disciplinary groups will undertake an urban design exercise. The seminars are structured to provide an introduction to the background knowledge and inspiration needed to undertake each stage of the exercise.

The course, focusing on the **‘know-how’**, covers the key areas of concern in urban design that the professions come across in daily practice. Speakers include **Ian Bentley**, lead author of the seminal text in urban design, Responsive Environments and Emeritus Professor of Urban Design in Oxford Brookes University; **Conor Norton**, tutor in Urban Design in UCD and Director of Loci; **Yolande Barnes**, Director of Research in Savills and author of a research paper on the value of good urbanism; and **Phil Jones**, Director of Phil Jones Associates, whose research and involvement in the drafting of the UK Manual for Streets will provide the professions, particularly engineers, a new evidence based approach to the design of safer and more enjoyable streets for all users.

Places are very limited so **book now to avoid disappointment**. The CPD is open only to RIAI, IPI, Engineers Ireland, ILI and SCS **members**.

Dates: November 10th & 11th 2008 (Monday & Tuesday)

Location: Hilton Hotel, Charlemont Place, Dublin 2

Cost: €595 (includes refreshments, lunch and all necessary materials).

Booking: see booking form or contact Joanna Duncan at the RIAI on (01) 676 1703 or jduncan@riai.ie

For more information, please refer to the programme brochure
<http://www.riai.ie/index.html?id=7351>

The Urban Forum was founded by Engineers Ireland, the Irish Planning Institute, the Irish Landscape Institute, the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland and the Society of Chartered Surveyors. The Forum aims to promote the discipline of urban design in the public and private sectors; develop education courses for members of the above bodies to improve the levels of Urban Design knowledge and skills within the profession; promote the benefits of good urban design to the public.