



ORN 2023 CONFERENCE GUIDE

'ACTION FOR INCLUSIVE ACCESS: APPLYING THE NEW OUTDOOR ACCESSIBILITY GUIDANCE'



Date: 6th & 7th June 2023
(Member meeting & dinner on evening of 5th June)

Location: Weetwood Hall Estate, Leeds

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NEW 'OUTDOOR ACCESSIBILITY GUIDANCE'

NEW GUIDANCE TO MAKE THE OUTDOORS MORE ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE

The 'Outdoor Accessibility Guidance' launched in April 2023 is designed to make the outdoors more welcoming for all. The new Guidance has a UK-wide scope and has been developed by Paths for All together with the Sensory Trust.

Presenting the new guidance Kevin Lafferty, CEO of Paths for All said,

"Our aim is to make the outdoors accessible to everyone. We should all, no matter our age, ethnicity or ability, have inclusive, welcoming access to outdoor places to be active and experience nature around us. We know equal access is not always in place, that every community is different and that there are multiple cultural, social, and physical barriers which prevent people from accessing the outdoors for walking, cycling and wheeling. Our great outdoors, from local parks to coastal paths, should be accessible to give everyone the opportunity to be active in nature, and experience the benefits to our physical, social and mental health. Creating greater access to these benefits is exactly why this new guidance is so important. I hope it will be a well-used resource for anyone designing paths, places and promoting the outdoors for everyone."



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▶ The online launch is now available to watch-on-demand and share with others.



Scan the QR code with your phone camera to access 'Outdoor Accessibility Guidance' resources



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CONFERENCE AGENDA

MONDAY 5TH JUNE

ORN MEMBER MEETING & DINNER

19:00 - 21:30

An opportunity for representatives from ORN member organisations to network over a delicious 3 course dinner. This includes the opportunity for members to share updates and insights from their organisation.

Entry by pre-booked ticket only.





CONFERENCE AGENDA

CONFERENCE DAY 1: TUESDAY 6TH JUNE

09:30 - 17:15

Registration & refreshments

Welcome & overview

Keynote presentations & panel discussion:

Chris Boardman,

National Active Travel Commissioner

Jane Stoneham,

Director, Sensory Trust

Ismail Kholwadia,

Acting Head of Strategic Development,
Barnwood Trust

Lunch

Pechakucha & panel discussion - *What will we do differently?*

Speakers include:

- **Ramblers GB**

Kate Jury, Paths Strategic Manager, Ramblers GB

- **Scottish Forestry**

Romena Huq, Engagement Programme Manager,
Scottish Forestry

- **Sustrans**

Kierson Wise, Programme Manager, Paths for
Everyone Sustrans

- **Jonty Warneken,**

Trustee - Open Country Charity & Vice Chairman
- International Ice Swimming Association

Interactive sessions & Networking Discussions

Delegates will have the opportunity to choose from a range of indoor and outdoor sessions. This will consist of show-and-tells, wheelshops, workshops and demonstrations.

Interactive sessions include:

1. Show-and-tell Walkshop

"More welcoming, more fun, more people:
improving access at FLS visitor centres"
Fiona Murray, Forestry and Land Scotland

2. Show-and-tell Demo

"NLAC and BS 5709 – accessible standards into
practice."
Val Woods, National Land Access Centre Lead &
Pippa Langford, Natural England

3. Workshop

"The Path Manager's Guide to Grading"
Paths for All

4. Wheelshop

Craig Grimes, Experience Community

5. Workshop

"Horse riders and carriage drivers – the need
for inclusion in access provision."
Mark Weston & Will Streele, British Horse Society

6. Walkshop

"Dementia Friendly Environments"
Paths for All

7. Walkshop

Jack Cornish, Head of Paths, RamblersGB



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Between these sessions there will be a comfort break during which time delegates will be encouraged to bring ideas back to the scribing board.

Networking sessions include:

What are Standards for and how do we communicate them?

How to audit trails and greenspaces and identify quick wins.

Inclusive communication - for users and recruitment

Being inclusive in community engagement (facilitated access)

Sharing out funding experiences

Active Travel - joining up how people get to outdoor sites (collaboration and communication)

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Final session tbc during conference

Day 1 wrap-up & close

Conference Dinner

19:00 - 22:00

An opportunity for delegates to network. Tickets to this optional activity include a 3 course meal and complementary drink on arrival to dinner. Entry by pre-booked ticket only. Casual meeting for drinks in hotel bar from 6pm.

Inspirational Speaker - Jonty Warneken, First disabled Ice Mile Swimmer in the world and Trustee for OpenCountry

CONFERENCE DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE

09:00 - 13:30

Registration & refreshments

Welcome to day 2

Keynote presentations & discussion:

Dr. Kay Inckle,
Campaigns & Policy Manager,
Wheels for Wellbeing

Rob Gordon,
Learning Advisor - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion,
The Wildlife Trusts

Jonny Losse & Max Biddlestone,
National Trust

Interactive session - *What actions can we take?*

This session will bring delegates together to discuss what actions we can take around the themes of Culture, Common Approaches and Communication.

Action Board & conference wrap-up

Lunch & departure



KEYNOTES - DAY 1

Chris Boardman MBE

National Active Travel Commissioner & Chair of Sport England

Chris Boardman MBE was appointed National Active Travel Commissioner in June 2022 by the Transport Secretary. Before this Chris was Transport Commissioner for Greater Manchester and the first ever Greater Manchester Cycling and Walking Commissioner.

A former professional cyclist, Chris won a gold medal in the individual pursuit at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games. Chris launched his own range of bikes, BOARDMAN Bikes, in 2007 and is the company's chairman. Chris is also Chair of Sport England and a prominent broadcaster for BBC and ITV.

Jane Stoneham

Director, Sensory Trust

Jane is the Director of the Sensory Trust, an organisation championing the creation of accessible and engaging nature experiences. With a background in landscape management, Jane has over thirty years of experience in advising on an inclusive approaches for the design and management of outdoor spaces. She regularly undertakes site access reviews, advises on sensory design, develops tools and approaches like the Access Chain and writes guidance. She has been access advisor to the Eden Project, and has produced bespoke inclusive training and review tools for organisations such as National Trust, Forestry England and Natural Resources Wales. Publications include 'By All Reasonable Means' for Natural England and Natural Resources Wales; the original version of 'Easy Access to Historic Landscapes' for Historic England, 'Landscape design for elderly and disabled people', and 'Making Connections: a guide to accessible greenspace design'.

Ismail Kholwadia

Acting Head of Strategic Development, Barwood Trust

Ismail is Acting Head of Strategic Development overseeing the relationships between Barnwood and their Strategic Partnerships. He also provides support to organisations in developing community connections and other opportunities for disabled people and people with mental health challenges in the county. Ismail is particularly interested in the opportunity to look at possibilities differently. With a background in Youth Work and working at a grassroots level, his focus is looking at young people and Mental Health Challenges and making outdoor and recreational spaces truly inclusive and accessible for all.

ORN WELCOME JONTY WARNEKEN AS OUR INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER



Jonty Warneken

First disabled 'Ice Mile' Swimmer, Open Country trustee, and Vice Chairman of the International Ice Swimming Association

Jonty is renowned para open water and ice swimmer and was the world's first disabled swimmer to swim the IISA 'Ice Mile' (a one-mile swim, in sub 5C water without a wetsuit!). He is a Guinness World Record holder for Para distance Ice Swimming and has represented Great Britain and Northern Ireland at two Ice Swimming World Championships. Jonty is the Vice Chairman of the International Ice Swimming Association (IISA), the world governing board for Ice Swimming. Outside of ice swimming, he has completed multiple endurance swims, including an English Channel Relay; a North Channel relay from Ireland to Scotland; and, has swam the length of Windermere and numerous marathon distance swims. Jonty is currently in training for a solo attempt at the North Channel.

Jonty created the "Para V" and "Para Icy V" swim challenges aimed at para, disabled and adaptive swimmers in order to make Openwater swim challenges more accessible. He also has a passion for Nordic and Alpine skiing and is looking to return to the Arctic to complete the Montana Artic Ultra, a 100-mile race on skis, that COVID-19 prevented him from completing. Jonty is a trustee of Open Country, a regional charity that enables disabled people to access the countryside, and is also a trustee of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust which works to protect the rivers and wildlife of Swale, Ure, Nidd, Wharfe and Ouse.



Jonty will be delivering a Peckakucha presentation on day 1 and joining us as our inspirational speaker at the conference dinner.

Entry to conference dinner by pre-booked ticket only.



KEYNOTES - DAY 2

Dr Kay Inckle

Campaigns & Policy Manager, Wheels for Wellbeing.

Dr Kay Inckle is campaigns and policy manager for Wheels for Wellbeing, a disabled people's cycling organisation who campaign for and provide access to cycling through an ethos of mobility justice. Her background is in social science with research interests in intersectional and social justice approaches to mental health and disability. She has published widely in these fields including research with disabled cyclists (Inckle 2020; 2019).

Rob Gordon

Learning Advisor - Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, The Wildlife Trusts

Rob joined The Wildlife Trusts in February 2022. Previously, Rob worked within disability, wellbeing and mental health advocacy, providing training and guidance to help break down barriers and stigma, as well as raise awareness for equality, diversity and inclusion. As a disabled man, Rob has championed inclusion through starting conversations and sharing his own experiences.

Intersectionality is a core belief in Rob's approach to inclusion, looking at the way that different paths in life intersect with one another and the barriers that individuals face. Rob's expertise lies in training delivery, covering a range of topics in the world of equality, diversity and inclusion. This includes face-to-face and online training, podcast and video content, and written materials.

Jonny Loose

General Manager, National Trust

& Max Biddlestone

Facilities Manager - Cotswolds Countryside, National Trust



OUTDOOR RECREATION NETWORK

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<https://www.outdoorrecreation.org.uk/>



ABOUT US

The Outdoor Recreation Network (ORN) is an unincorporated network of public agencies and non-governmental organisations across the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. ORN grew out of the Countryside Recreation Network (CRN) that was established in 1968. Benefiting from a long history of partnership, ORN member organisations are involved in outdoor recreation and related fields such as the natural environment, outdoor activities, tourism, and health.

ACTION PLAN 2022-25

[Click here to view our Action Plan for 2022-25](#)

BECOME A MEMBER

Our current members are organisations with an active engagement in outdoor recreation and with a passion to share and collaborate with others. We currently offer three levels of membership to attract organisations at national, regional and local level. You can sign up as a member at any time for a 12 month period.

Full Membership

Aimed at larger organisations operating at a national or regional level

Support Membership

For smaller organisations, directing work at local level

Small Membership & Academic Institutions

For small not-for-profit/charitable organisations and academic institutions

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