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**Agenda for European RCE meeting 2016: 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June**

**Celebrating the work of European RCEs**

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Venue: London Southbank University, Keyworth 2 building, Keyworth St,  
room V211

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**Aims:**

- To share and celebrate the work of European RCES and to learn from each other
- To discuss key issues and challenges for ESD over the next 2 years
- To identify partners and discuss and begin to plan possible collaborative projects and activities
- To identify the work and future role of RCEs in relation to the SDGs and GAP
- To enjoy networking with like-minded colleagues

**Outcomes:**

- A report of the meeting to be disseminated by the RCE Service Centre
- Plans for future collaboration over key issues, such as the sustainability skills agenda and forced migration

## Conference Day One

9.00	RCE Participants to put up posters for poster conference
9.15	Registration and refreshments
10.00	<b>Welcome and introduction to London RCE and London Southbank University:</b> Prof Pat Bailey (Deputy Vice Chancellor and Sustainability lead at LSBU)
10.20	<b>Setting the global context - Implications for RCEs:</b> Dr Hugh Atkinson (Distinguished Research Fellow at the Schumacher Institute of Sustainable Solutions)
10.40	<b>Poster Conference: RCEs - state of the art: What is going on in Europe?</b> Participants to view poster display and discuss with RCE representatives. Facilitators to identify key themes in relation to GAP and SDGs (Facilitators: Lynn Vickery and Ros Wade)
11.15	<b>UNESCO Report back</b> (Jaya Gajparia)
11. 25	Working groups on key issues and GAP/ SDG priority areas. (World café)
12. 15	<b>Report back plenary – key action points</b> (5 minutes each group)
12.55	<b>Introduction to the Tree Charter</b> (Margaret Burr)
13.00	<b>Lunch and networking</b> (Lunch will be provided)
14.15	<b>Speaker Hilary Jennings from the Transition Town Movement</b> (linking local communities, local action with global issues) (Chair: Margaret Burr)
14. 40	<b>Q &amp; A and discussion:</b> Potential for engagement - developing synergy between RCEs and Transition Town movements
14.50	<b>An introduction to the Sustainable Communities Institute</b> (Chloe Hampton)
15.00	<b>Workshop: Skills for Sustainability</b> Speaker: Dr Glenn Strachan, LSBU: The ESD Skills agenda – What are the skills that need developing?
15. 25	Group discussion – How can the RCEs contribute to developing these skills? (Facilitators: Glenn Strachan and Betsy King)
16. 00	<b>Report back plenary – key action points</b> (5 minutes each group)
16. 40	Taking forward ideas for collaborative projects – working groups for further action.
	<b>Evening reception venue: Keyworth Centre 8th floor</b>
17.15	<b>Presentation –Skills for sustainable design and the circular economy</b> (Dr Deborah Andrews and students)
17.30	<b>Evening reception and networking</b>
18.30	<b>Closing words:</b> Prof Pat Bailey

## Conference Day Two

<b>Celebrating Refugee Week:</b> Workshop and discussion forum on the issue of migration and refugees– implications for the role of RCEs.	
<b>9.30</b>	<b>Refugee Stories:</b> Alia Alzougbi Director of the Global Learning Centre, Tower Hamlets : Out of place- out of here - Voices of Syrian refugees
<b>9.50</b>	<b>Key points from and purpose of the draft position paper for RCEs:</b> Dr Pinar Guner (Resource person: Prof Gaim Kibreab, Director MSc Refugee Studies, LSBU)
<b>10.00</b>	<b>Group Discussion: What is the role for RCEs?</b> Facilitators: Ros Wade and Lynn Vickery <b>Key questions: -</b> What can we learn from each other? What work has been done already? How can we challenge the negative public debate? Which activities will help to fight prejudice and influence public opinion? How can we develop new coordinated activities and projects e.g. Erasmus project on public awareness raising?
<b>10.50</b>	Report back plenary – key action points (5 minutes each group)
<b>11.30</b>	<b>Preparation for the next Global RCE Conference (for members of RCEs and aspiring RCEs)</b> Facilitators: Lynn Vickery and Hugh Atkinson A) Key issues for the next Global Conference B) Representation at the RCE Global Conference C) Clarifying RCE Governance issues (with reference to the RCE governance survey) D) Next meeting of the European RCEs?
<b>12.40</b>	<b>Plenary:</b> Round up of plans for next 2 years
<b>13.00</b>	Thanks to all and Close
<b>Afternoon - Visits or free time in London</b>	
<b>1.15</b>	<b>Visit to Centre for Efficient and Renewable Energy for Buildings (CEREB)</b> at London Southbank University <a href="http://www.cereb.org.uk/">http://www.cereb.org.uk/</a> Hosted by Prof Andy Ford, Director CEREB
	<b>Optional Visits</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crystal Museum of Sustainability, near O2 conference centre (guided by Lynn Vickery)</li> <li>• British Museum, London Wetlands Centre, London Zoological Gardens, Kew Garden (Self-guided)</li> <li>• Historic London by the river Thames with a visit to the historic George pub and a historic walk along the river (guided by Ros Wade)</li> </ul>



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### **Taking forward the outcomes of the meeting**

Reporting and follow up: Sharing our discussions with all the European RCEs and reporting to the RCE Service Centre

- RW and LV to write up and coordinate the report of this meeting to send to participants for comments and, when finalised, to the RCE Service Centre (This report could form the basis for our contribution to the Global RCE meeting)
- RCE Position paper on forced migration – to be developed further by Pinar Guner and circulated.
- Vox pops video clips Jaya Gajparia Photos: Asitha Jayawardena

## Where to eat and drink

There are a number of good pubs and restaurants a short distance away from London South Bank University. Here are just a few suggestions

**The Cut, Waterloo, SE1 8LZ** is a lively street with a number of good pubs and restaurants. It is about a 10 minute walk.

**Borough Market (near London Bridge) SE1 1TL** It is a former fruit and vegetable market now known for its high quality food stalls. There are many places to eat and drink here. It is about a 15 minute walk

### Some Pubs

**The Ship, 68 Borough Rd, SE1 1DX-** It is a 5 minute walk

**Duke of York, 47 Borough Rd, SE1 1DR-** It is a 5 minute walk

**Royal Oak, 44 Tabard Street, SE1 4JU-** It is a 10 minute walk

### Some restaurants

- **Tas, 72 Borough High Street (near London Bridge) SE1 1XF, Tel 020 7403 7200.** Turkish Cuisine. It is a 15 minute walk
- **Alma's Restaurant, 30 Borough High Street, SE1 1XU, Tel 020 7403 7821.** Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria. It is a 15 minute walk
- **The Laughing Gravy, 154 Blackfriars Road, SE1 8EN, Tel 020 7998 1707.** Modern European. It is a 10 minute walk