



Thursday 2nd September 2010 - The Roxburghe Hotel, 38 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh

INVITATION

This year for the first time BEFS will be hosting a day-long congress for its members and wider stakeholders in the built environment sector. The theme for the day will be “Special Places-Special Relationships”.

We will be exploring the relationship between people and place; how do people interact with place? What makes places special – and also what makes places work in terms of supporting people in their daily life?

We will hear the Government’s aspirations for people and place – valuing historic as well as creating new, and showcase projects or initiatives which have involved a high degree of community involvement.

We aim to draw linkages between what is happening on the ground and the Government’s national outcomes for ‘sustainable places’ and a built environment that is valued, protected and enhanced.

AUDIENCE

The congress is relevant for BEFS members and practitioners with a particular interest in the realities of making better places for people in Scotland.

KEY FEATURES

PRESENTATIONS will explore the theme from different perspectives and include key note addresses from Ruth Parsons, Chief Executive, Historic Scotland and Sandy Robinson, Principal Architect, Directorate of the Built Environment.

The MARKET PLACE will set the scene for exchange of ideas and opinion around the practicalities of delivering places for people: stands will feature projects and initiatives which demonstrate a high amount of community involvement and/or awareness of what a place means for people.

PROJECT SOAPBOX will provide an opportunity, within the marketplace, to showcase exemplary projects that connect people with place: a series of 'snapshot pitches' for projects which show how place is valued, project challenges and learning points.

COMMENT CARDS will capture your views, with feedback to plenary session and congress report.

BOOK

We are now taking bookings - to BOOK your place visit:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6HCM6QT>

Fees:

Normal rate: £45

Reduced rate: £20

(The reduced rate is applicable to organisations which are members/subscribers of BEFS, as well as members of a member/subscriber. A list of BEFS members and subscribers is available on BEFS website:

www.befs.org.uk/who.htm

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Share your experiences and promote your project or initiative: we are seeking stands with project focus and also mini 3-5 minute mini presentations to be delivered at two points within the market place at regular intervals.

If you know of a project that suits the theme and would like to take slot or stand please contact the BEFS office for further details: 0131 220 6241; info@befs.org.uk; www.befs.org.uk.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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