

Sustainability West Midlands Annual Conference
Steering a steady course for sustainability in uncertain times
Conference Aston Meeting Suites, Aston University, Birmingham, B4 7ET
Monday 21 November 2016

Aims

1. Demonstrate changes at global, national and local level that impact on sustainability in our region
2. Highlight the ways that SWM has been working with organisations across the WM in response to these changes
3. Provide an opportunity for delegates to hear from the candidates for WM Mayor regarding sustainability

Agenda

09.00 Registration and refreshments

09.30 Welcome and introduction

Peter Woodward, Facilitator, SWM

Peter Braithwaite, Chair, SWM

09.40 Keynote address: Local change within a wider sustainability context

Ed Gillespie, Co-founder, Futerra

10.10 West Midlands Mayor Candidate Hustings: Focus on Sustainability

Q&A – conversation with the West Midlands Mayor candidates

11.00 Refreshments

11.30 SWM and members making a difference - 2016 Insights and future opportunities

1. Progress against our 2020 Vision
Anna Bright, CEX, SWM
2. Regional Policy and Programmes
Simon Slater, Associate Director of Policy & Partnerships, SWM
Ilias Vazaios, Partner, Ecuity Consulting LLP
3. Continuity and Resilience
Alan Carr, Sustainability Adviser, SWM
Rachel Walters, Trent RFCC Senior Advisor, Environment Agency
4. Strategic Planning
Anna Bright, CEX, SWM
Mike Pickering, Community & Sustainability Manager, the Midcounties Co-operative

13.15 Close and networking lunch