



What is Sustainable Development??? What can it do for me and for Sheffield?

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Introduction by Professor Dave Applebaum, Head of Probability & Statistics, Department of Probability & Statistics, The University of Sheffield.



This event evolved from the October 2009 Climatewalk focused on climate change. Action for Involvement organises workshops, events and seminars on topical issues with high level speakers providing guided conversations between participants and Sheffield's most influential decision-makers. Action for Involvement's ethos and remit is to encourage people to talk about what they could do to improve the quality of life and increase value for money from our services.

Climatewalk raised such enthusiasm and energy that several participants, myself included, persuaded Wendy and her colleagues at Action for Involvement to run a follow-up to keep the momentum going and this workshop is the result.

Although this workshop is a follow up to Climatewalk, it is a new event in its own right. We have invited back Sheffield City Council's Director of Sustainable Development, Andy Nolan, who as Sheffield City Council's Director of Sustainable Development, is best placed to explain his role, outline his vision and define how he planned to make Sheffield sustainable.

Professor Ian Rotherham, a Reader at Sheffield Hallam University, is highly noted for his ground-breaking work on environmental and ecological activity.

I'd like to add that although Action for Involvement, has offered this workshop as a free event, obviously it isn't really free and it costs money to put on. Action for Involvement is a voluntary organisation and all the work to organise this workshop has been done by unpaid volunteers.

Wendy was telling me earlier that funds are low and reaching crisis proportions. Please make a donation to Action for Involvement by going to the Action for Involvement website www.actionforinvolvement.org.uk, where they have a Paypal Donate button to click for making donations. Their website address is also at the bottom of each page on the brochure.



Alternatively you can give some money on the way out if you want to donate physically in the good old fashioned way in these baskets which will be by the door. I will remind everyone of this and any other announcements before we break up.

But first we'd like to know how you expect to benefit from being here with us this afternoon and issues some workshop participants raised:

- Allotments in Sheffield have been disused for a long, long time.
- Gain a better understanding of the different sustainability initiatives that are on-going in the City and see how I might get involved in some of those?
- I'm doing a Masters in Town Planning and hearing the buzz words "sustainable development" and academics say it hasn't been operationalised so I'm here to hear inspiring stories about how people really are doing that.
- how to take sustainable development from an abstract concept and put it into practice as a way of life

I'd like to thank everyone for their contributions; it's an excellent start and I'm glad to see people nodding their heads in agreement.

We'll now hear Andy Nolan: *Sheffield, My Plans for a thriving low-carbon City.*