

Centre for Transport & Society (CTS) Symposium 2026 Programme

Thursday 2nd July 2026 | Frenchay Campus, UWE Bristol
All Venues in **X-block**

09:30-10:00	Registration & Refreshments X-block Atrium Join us for coffee and tea as we welcome participants and speakers
10:00-10:10	Symposium opening Lecture Theatre 2X112 Prof Graham Parkhurst, Director of CTS Prof Enda Hayes, Director of Research and Enterprise
10:10-10:35	Keynote <i>National Transport Strategy - Bed of Nails or a Catalyst for Change?</i> Lecture Theatre 2X112 Chair: Graham Parkhurst Steve Gooding (RAC Foundation)
10:35-11:25	Panel discussion <i>Decide and provide: is vision-led planning heading up the s-curve?</i> Lecture Theatre 2X112 Chair: Glenn Lyons (UWE) Panel: Jon Parker (Jon Parker Consultancy); Helen Bowkett (Arcadis); Charlene Rohr (Mott MacDonald); Daniela Paddeu (UWE)
11:25-11:40	Move to breakouts
11:40-12:45	Parallel sessions Session 1A – Governing the Just Transition Lecture Theatre 2X112 Chair: Justin Spinney Dr Daniela Paddeu: <i>Beyond Technology: Workforce, Skills, and Equity in the Decarbonisation of Heavy-Duty Transport</i> Ms Anika Tahsin: <i>More Than Technology: Public Perceptions of Drone-Based Last-Mile Delivery</i> Prof. Graham Parkhurst: <i>Scenes from a Transition: Risks and Opportunities for UK Road Transport Electrification as it Moves Beyond Early Adopters</i>

Session 1B – Promoting sustainable transport planning

Lecture Theatre 2X242 | Chair: Billy Clayton

Dr Ben Clark: *Changing or Maintaining Behaviour? - The Important Role of Sustainable Travel Incentive Schemes*

Dr Jonathan Flower: *The True Cost of Missing Active Travel Links.*

Dr Asa Thomas: *Social Prescribing and the Role of Active Travel: Insights from the Active Way Programme*

12:45-14:00 Lunch & Optional Netwalk

X-block Atrium

Lunch will be served at 12:45 for Netwalk participants (as the walk begins at 13:15), and at 13:00 for all other attendees.

13:15-13:45 Optional Netwalk (13:15 departure, 30 minutes)

Meet outside X-block at the car park end

Led by Dr Jonathan Flower and Dr Ben Clark

Join one of our Netwalks during the lunch break. This will be an opportunity to network with other delegates while also exploring some of the UWE campus and its surroundings. One of the two groups will take a more accessible step free route.

Please indicate if you'd like to join the Netwalk when registering. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

14:00-15:20 Parallel Workshops

Workshop 1 – Evolution of the Accessibility Concept: Assessing New Paradigms for Sustainable Development

Seminar Room 3X109

Facilitators: Mara Ladu, Daniela Paddeu, Justin Spinney

Ensuring equal opportunities for access to goods and services represents a key objective of sustainable development policies. The workshop will consider the changing perspectives resulting from multiple transitions and the opportunities offered by digital technologies.

Workshop 2 – Transport for the Night-Time Economy

Seminar Room 3X110

Facilitators: Graham Parkhurst, Eda Beyazit, Rob Rivera Fernandez

The night-time economy has typically been a low priority in the transport sector. It represents a growing economic opportunity, even if some are excluded from accessing it. The workshop will examine findings from a project for Bristol City Council with a view to identifying novel solutions.

15:25-15:50	Keynote Reflections on taking Transit Oriented Development to Ukraine Lecture Theatre 2X112 Chair: John Parkin Paul Hammond (Jacobs)
15:55-16:00	Symposium close and reflections Lecture Theatre 2X112 Graham Parkhurst
16:00-17:00	Drinks reception - X Block Atrium