

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, School Director of Research and Enterprise

10:10-10:35 **Keynote**

National Transport Strategy - Bed of Nails or a Catalyst for Change?

Lecture Theatre 2X112 | Chair: Graham Parkhurst

Steve Gooding (RAC Foundation)

10:35-11:25 **Panel discussion**

Decide and Provide: Is Vision-Led Planning Heading Up the S-Curve?

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

Ms Anika Tahsin: *More Than Technology: Public Perceptions of Drone-Based Last-Mile Delivery*

Dr Daniela Paddeu: *Beyond Technology: Workforce, Skills, and Equity in the Decarbonisation of Heavy-Duty Transport*

Prof. Graham Parkhurst: *Scenes from a Transition: Risks and Opportunities for UK Road Transport Electrification as it Moves Beyond Early Adopters*

Session 1B – Promoting sustainable transport planning

Lecture Theatre 2X242 | Chair: Billy Clayton

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*

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

12:45-14:00 **Lunch & Optional Network**

X-block Atrium

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

(13:15-13:45) **Optional Network (30 minutes)**

Meet outside X-block at the car park end

Led by Dr Jonathan Flower and Dr Ben Clark

Join one of our Networks 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 Network when registering. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

14:00-15:20 **Parallel Workshops (one floor above the Atrium reception area)**

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

Seminar Room 3X109

Facilitators: Mara Ladu, Daniela Paddeu, Justin Spinney, Dmytro Roslavtsev
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, Mel Cairns
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

Prof Graham Parkhurst, Professor of Sustainable Mobility & Director of CTS

16:00-17:00

Drinks reception - X Block Atrium
