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Press Release

The Climate Change Centre Reading (CCCRdg) will be taking part in the Conference: "Streets as Public Spaces and drivers of Urban Prosperity"

CCCRdg will be representing Climate Change activities in the Reading / Thames Valley Berkshire area at the Second Future of Places (FOP) Conference. It is the second of three conferences leading up to Habitat III in 2016, which will have the overall aim of contributing to a New Urban Agenda designed for people and places.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, September 1, 2014 - September 3, 2014

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The keynote speakers for The Future of Places conference can be found on the FOP web page: <u>http://futureofplaces.com/call-for-papers-buneos-aires-conference-1-3-september/</u>

The main objective of the conference is for speakers to address the future of Placemaking. The conference, and the series as a whole, will stretch over three days and is built on the recognition that cities are more than technical creations: they are above all places of human interaction, allowing exchange, creativity, access to resources, pleasure, and at times, conflict.

The conference is divided into four tracks:

- Science: Research into the role of streets as public spaces, the outcomes of different design approaches, and the priorities for further research.
- Education: Curriculum development and evaluation related to street and public space design, in engineering, urban planning, landscape architecture, architecture and other fields.
- Policy: New initiatives and their outcomes; new priorities for policy changes, with a focus in national differences as well as commonalities.
- Best Practice: New tools, practices, standards, strategies and models, and evaluations of their outcome; new priorities for changes to practice.

Throughout the three conferences in Stockholm, Buenos Aires and a yet to be determined third city a document will be written leading to a declaration on places for Habitat III conference in 2016.

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