



## Sustainable energy planning for cities: STEP UP events at the 2015 All-Energy conference

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

SECC (Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre), Glasgow, G3 8YW

Date	Time	Content	Location
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	16:00- 17:30	<p><b>Sustainable city planning and local leadership</b></p> <p><b>Introduction</b> by Richard Bellingham: Richard is the Director of the University of Strathclyde’s Institute for Future Cities and the Coordinator of the STEP UP project. He will give an introduction to the STEP UP project, its objectives and impacts, as well as an overview of the work of the Institute.</p> <p><b>Panel discussion:</b> Political representatives and senior Council officers from the four STEP UP cities will share their experiences as local leaders championing the sustainable and smart cities agenda. They will reflect on the importance of local political support for successful Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs), the common barriers to gaining this support, and solutions and strategies to overcome these that could be adopted by other cities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Ghent: Tine Heyse, Deputy Mayor for the Environment, Climate, Energy and North-South, Ghent City Council</li> <li>o Glasgow: Alastair Brown, Head of Sustainability and the Environment, Glasgow City Council and Chief Resilience Officer for the City of Glasgow</li> <li>o Gothenburg: Katrina Folland, Smart Cities Coordinator, City of Gothenburg</li> <li>o Riga: Vjaceslavs Stepanenko, Deputy Head of the Riga SEAP Management Board, Riga City Council</li> </ul> <p>A <b>Q&amp;A discussion</b> will follow the presentations.</p>	Sustainable Cities Conference Theatre
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	10:30- 12:15	<p><b>Best practices and experiences in sustainable energy planning from the STEP UP cities</b></p> <p><b>Brief introduction to the STEP UP project, its objectives and impacts:</b> Richard Bellingham, Director of the University of Strathclyde’s Institute for Future Cities, and Coordinator of the STEP UP project.</p> <p><b>Panel discussion:</b> Project representatives from the four STEP UP cities will share their experiences of working on the STEP UP project, including project approaches and outcomes, the cities’ enhanced Sustainable Energy Action Plans and best practice projects, and next steps. The cities will also discuss the key lessons learned during the STEP UP project, and offer guidance and advice for other cities focused on sustainable city planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Ghent: Indra Van Sande, Department of Environment, Green and Health, Ghent City Council</li> <li>o Glasgow: Gavin Slater, City Energy and Carbon Manager, Glasgow City Council</li> <li>o Gothenburg: Anna Svensson, STEP UP Project Manager for City of Gothenburg</li> <li>o Riga: Inete Ielīte, Riga SEAP Management Board Member</li> </ul> <p>A <b>Q&amp;A discussion</b> will follow the presentations.</p>	Sustainable Cities Conference Theatre