

BRIEFING COP26 Regional Roadshow East Midlands Event, Thursday November 11, 2021

As we approach the international COP26 event it is clear the importance of climate change and its impact is on everyone's agenda. To achieve the ambitious targets being set globally, nationally and locally of Net Zero and biodiversity net gains, collaborative working is essential.

This virtual conference is being organised by major regional partners and hosted by Nottinghamshire County Council. The event will showcase the positive changes the East Midlands region is taking with case studies from both the public and private sector to local, regional and international audience. With live panels, broadcast online to an international audience from the 5G Digital Innovation Centre, Nottinghamshire County Council, will host a showcase of partnership working on Innovation, Skills and Infrastructure projects across the UK Midlands region.

The theme is Cities, Regions and the Built Environment, matching the COP26 Presidency programme final theme day. The showcase, panels, roundtables, networking sessions and trade stands will demonstrate how the power of Digital and Green interventions are contributing to a Climate Positive Built Environment and will do more with future innovations.

Businesses and partners from across the region will come together on this wide-reaching platform to share and drive ambitions for action. Identifying the challenges, we face as a region, connecting people, enabling shared understanding and increasing opportunities for joint working on Climate, Innovation and Investment.

The event will generate regional investment opportunities to grow the local economy and jobs through promoting investment into the Midlands region for direct and associated supply chain jobs. There will be opportunities to discuss growing higher skills and increasing community engagement, to accelerate the growth in green jobs and capital investment for the benefit of the Environment, Economy, People and Place.

With the recent publication of numerous UK green policy documents, including the Net Zero Strategy and the Heating & Building Strategy the programme lends itself to showcasing what the region has achieved and discussing joint approaches to adapt and protect our environment for the future. We plan to further connect partners by highlighting steps they have made on the environment and stopping climate change on social media channels throughout the whole two weeks of COP26.

Key discussions and showcase examples will cover achievements and discuss the future of placemaking at local and national scale:

- Colliery Regeneration, Housing Retrofit, Low Carbon Energy & Travel
- Technology Demonstrations, 5G Testbeds, Smart Places, Smart Working
- Mitigation & Adaptation, Valuing Natural Capital, Social Value & Placemaking
- The UK's Inland Freeport, Zero Carbon Approaches, Biodiversity Net Gain
- Net Zero Development Design & Practice, Partnership Working & Green Finance
- Future of Climate & Infrastructure - ambition & action

Speakers and panellists will broadcast from the centre, general attendance is through virtual means. Interested business, third sector and public body participants can sign up via Eventbrite:

[COP26 Regional Roadshow: East Midlands Climate, Innovation & Investment Tickets, Thu 11 Nov 2021 entry from 08:30 | Eventbrite](#)

