

# Women and Girls' Safety in Parks: Lessons from Research and Practice

Wednesday, 10 May 2023, 9:30 – 17:00

Room LG.06, Liberty Building, School of Law, University of Leeds

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## Programme

- 09:30 – 09:50 Registration, Tea and Coffee
- 09:50 – 10:00 **Welcome by Alison Lowe OBE, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, West Yorkshire**
- Introduction by Dr Anna Barker, University of Leeds**
- 10:00 – 10:10 **Keynote address by Dr Rachel Hewitt, Newcastle University:**  
*'Girls' Worlds Shrink; Boys' Expand': The Diminishing of Women's Freedom in the Outdoors*
- 10:10 – 11:00 **Session 1: Contextualising Women and Girls' Safety in Parks**
- Saskia Garner, Suzy Lamplugh Trust
  - Jeannette Morris-Boam, Leeds Women's Aid
  - Tanya Martin, Women In Sport
  - Imogen Clark, Make Space for Girls
  - Chaired by Alison Lowe OBE, West Yorkshire Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime
- 11:00 – 13:00 **Session 2: Lessons from Research**
- Dr Anna Barker, University of Leeds
  - Professor Rachel Pain, Newcastle University
  - Dr Julia King, LSE Cities, London School of Economics.
  - Dr Amanda Seims, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
  - Chaired by Professor Conor O'Reilly, Director, Centre for Criminal Justice Studies
- 13:00 – 13:45 Lunch & Networking
- 13:45 – 15:00 **Session 3: How Can We Create Safer Parks?**
- Tracy Brabin, Mayor of West Yorkshire
  - Susannah Walker, Make Space for Girls
  - Helen Forman, West Yorkshire Combined Authority
  - Abigail Gaines, Friends of Rowntree Park
  - Marina Milosev, London Legacy Development Corporation
  - Chaired by Allison Ogden-Newton OBE, Chief Executive, Keep Britain Tidy
- 15:00 – 15:20 Tea and coffee break
- 15:20 – 16:50 **Session 4: Lessons from Practice**
- Paula Appleton, Director, Evergreen Active
  - Elettra Bordonaro, Light Follows Behaviour
  - Detective Superintendent Vanessa Rolfe, West Yorkshire Police
  - Gabi Howard, Camden Council
  - Chaired by Paul Todd, Green Flag Award, Keep Britain Tidy
- 16:50 – 17:00 **Closing remarks by Sue Morgan, Chief Executive, Landscape Institute**
- 17:00 – 18:00 Drinks and networking

# Women and Girls' Safety in Parks: Learning from different perspectives, methodologies and contexts

Thursday, 11 May 2023, 9:30 – 15:00

Moot Court Room, School of Law, Liberty Building, University of Leeds

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## Programme

- 09:30 – 09:50 Registration, Tea and Coffee (outside Moot Court Room)
- 09:50 – 10:00 **Welcome and Introduction**
- 10:00 – 11:15 **Session 1: Researching Women and Girls' Safety in Parks and Public Spaces: Approaches, Methodologies & Reflections**
- Professor Rachel Pain, Newcastle University
  - Professor George Holmes, University of Leeds
  - Dr Julia King, Research Fellow, LSE Cities, London School of Economics
  - Dr Amanda Seims, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
  - Discussant: Professor Adam Crawford, Co-Director, ESRC Vulnerability & Policing Futures Research Centre
  - Discussant: Estelle Grech, Churchill Fellow & Senior Policy Advisor for The Hon. Rob Stokes MP, New South Wales Minister for Infrastructure, Cities and Active Transport.
  - Chaired by Dr Anna Barker, University of Leeds
- 11:15 – 11:25 Comfort break
- 11:25 – 13:00 **Session 2: Learning from beyond the UK: research and practice on women and girls' safety in Sweden and Australia**
- Professor Vania Ceccato, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden
  - Professor Romina Rodela, Södertörn University, Sweden
  - Dr Linda Sandberg, Umeå University, Sweden
  - Estelle Grech, Churchill Fellow & Senior Policy Advisor for The Hon. Rob Stokes MP, New South Wales Minister for Infrastructure, Cities and Active Transport
  - Discussant: Imogen Clark, Co-Founder, Make Space for Girls
  - Discussant: Carl McClean, Keep Britain Tidy
  - Chaired by Professor Adam Crawford, Co-Director, ESRC Vulnerability & Policing Futures Research Centre
- 13:00 – 13:30 Lunch & Networking
- 13:30 – 15:00 **Session 3: Identifying Knowledge & Evidence Gaps: New Directions for Research (Room G32)**
- 15:00 Close