

Envisaging urban environments of the future

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There is much discussion amongst the professions about what it might mean to implement sustainability in our urban environments. The low impact urban design and development (LIUDD) research programme has spent the last for years considering how a low impact design philosophy might lead to better social, cultural, economic and environmental outcomes for our cities and towns throughout New Zealand, thus contributing to the sustainability toolkit. Come along to this workshop and we will share with you current and emerging best practice across New Zealand in the area of low impact approaches to design and development. We will show you how the traditional barriers of rigid engineering standards, concerns over on-going maintenance and un-supportive policy frameworks are being overcome by new thinking and approaches. In the true style of a workshop, we want this session to be as interactive as we can so we invite you to bring along your stories of how you have been effective in adopting more sustainable practices in your day-to-day work. As Albert Einstein said we cannot solve the problems of tomorrow with the same thinking that created them, so please come along and learn how to inspire innovation amongst your professions and your organisations.

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