

# Designing for the Future: What will sustainability look like?

## Speakers Biographies:

### Irena Bauman

Bauman Lyons Architects



Practicing Architect and a founding Director of Bauman Lyons Architects. She is a Professor of Sustainable Urbanism at Sheffield University School of Architecture and Director of Building Local Resilience research platform. Her many public roles include Commissioner for Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment for UK from 2002-2009. She is currently on Leeds 2023 bid pitching team for European Capital of Culture. Her practice and research are concerned with how architecture and architectural thinking can facilitate local communities to mitigate, adapt and become more resilient to the uncertainties that lie ahead. She has been the lead on five Innovate UK funded projects into climate change adaptation and the development of MassBespoke™ off-site construction method.

She is the author of *'How to be a Happy Architect'* in which she challenges the architectural establishment to be more in tune with the needs of communities and is currently writing *'Retrofitting Neighbourhoods –Designing for Resilience'* in which she is collating some international case studies of neighbourhood scale project which pave the way towards transformative change.

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### Alison DuToit

Gehl Architects



An Associate with Gehl Architects, she holds a position in the Department of Architecture and the Built Environment and the University of the West of England.

Allison has practiced and taught in the United States, Denmark and the United Kingdom, as a building architect and as an urban designer, she is a regular guest critic and lecturer.

She has led strategic and urban design work in the UK and Europe, and regularly delivers workshops and lectures.

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### Chris Thompson

Citu



Chris founded Citu in 2004 with a passion to make an impact in helping develop sustainable cities for the 21st century. Combining his professional background in construction with a passion for Architecture and cities, he quickly established Citu as a company which is looking to challenge conventional thinking and embrace innovation.

Chris continues to lead the business and has built up a talented team of staff that operate in an agile way to maintain a focus on driving innovation. The business includes development, energy management, manufacturing, construction, utilities' company, technology company, investments and a successful leisure business.

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## Session Chair:

### Andrew Edwards

BBC Radio Leeds



Andrew Edwards is a presenter at BBC Radio Leeds. He hosts the Big Yorkshire Phone-in between 12 and 3pm on weekday afternoons.

Andrew was as a volunteer on hospital radio in his hometown, Hull, before making his professional debut as a sports broadcaster (despite not knowing a lot about sport) on Viking Radio in 1988. He started his career in journalism at the Hull Daily Mail and joined the BBC as a trainee reporter in 1989. He's worked at BBC Radio Leeds since 1993. For more than fifteen years he presented the station's breakfast show – that's about four and half thousand alarm calls at 3.30am!

In 2013 he was a Silver Award Winner at the prestigious New York Festivals International Radio Awards for a documentary he made with the former Prime Minister Sir John Major at the City Varieties in Leeds, "Major at the Music Hall". He's also the holder of a Silver Sony Radio Award.

He lives in Leeds with his partner, BBC Look North reporter Cathy Killick. They have a seventeen year old daughter. Andrew enjoys photography and is a member of another BBC (Boys' Book Club). He's combined his on air career with teaching radio journalism and spent six years at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston.

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