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THE CITY ENVIRONMENT DEBATE LIVING IN HARMONY WITH NATURE

How will we achieve the global behaviour change required?

Arup

8 Fitzroy Street London W1T 4BJ

On Tuesday 6th October 2026

Doors open at 16:00 and event will start at 16:30 and finish at 19:30

We already know most of what needs to be done to live in harmony with nature. That said, there is great uncertainty nationally and globally on how to achieve the change required. Also, the question increasingly being asked is 'Will we achieve the state of living in harmony with nature?'.

At our third City Environmental Debate, eminent speakers from leading organisations will share their views on this question, after which the topics will be discussed with the audience. A written report of the main conclusions will be distributed widely.

Speakers:

The position of cities:	Cassie Sutherland	C40
Living with nature:	Tom Butterworth	Arup
Global behaviour change:	Professor Susan Michie	UCL
The role of business:	Lindsay Hooper CEO	CISL

Chair:	Dame Jo da Silva	Arup
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The debate is free and by invitation only. Places are limited and available on a first come first served basis. **To reserve a place please register using the link**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-city-environment-debate-living-in-harmony-with-nature-tickets-1993314263621?aff=oddttdtcreator>

The debate will be held under the Chatham House Rule. It will start with 10 minute presentation by the speakers followed by the debate which will finish at 18:30.

Afterwards there will be networking opportunities and drink refreshments till 19:30.

If you have any questions or would like to suggest someone else to be invited, please contact Allan Barton at barton.allan@outlook.com

Chair and Speaker biographies

Dame Jo Da Silva

Jo is a pragmatic and purposeful leader whose career spans engineering, design, and urbanism. She is deeply committed to the transformative role that urban development and critical infrastructure play in safeguarding communities, enhancing well-being, and enabling inclusive economic growth.

As Global Sustainable Development Director at Arup, Jo leads the firm's efforts to create safe, resilient, and regenerative places. Her work is driven by the belief that purposeful leadership and radical collaboration are essential to tackling the interconnected challenges of climate change, nature loss, and social inequity. Jo previously founded and led Arup's International Development business for over a decade, co-founded The Resilience Shift with the Lloyd's Register Foundation, and served with UNHCR in Sri Lanka, where she led the national shelter programme following the 2004 tsunami.

Cassie Sutherland

Cassie Sutherland is the Managing Director for Climate Solutions and Networks at C40, supporting cities to accelerate climate action in energy and buildings, food and waste, transport, urban planning, air quality and climate resilience. C40 is a network of mayors of nearly 100 world-leading cities collaborating to deliver the urgent action needed to confront the climate crisis. Prior to joining C40, Cassie was the project manager for the London Environment Strategy and led the climate adaptation and sustainable development team at the Greater London Authority, working to manage London's climate risks and impacts and improve quality of life. Cassie has a wide range of technical experience in buildings and energy including developing new carbon scoring tools for national energy efficiency schemes and assessing new energy efficiency measures while working at the UK energy regulator. She has also developed national government policy on smart energy systems.

Tom Butterworth

Tom is the Nature Leader for ARUP and has extensive experience in nature positive, natural capital and biodiversity assessments. Tom supports clients in public and private sectors in meeting their objectives and targets together with their objectives for natural capital and nature. Tom has delivered biodiversity and natural capital assessments across many high-profile projects, particularly in the energy, road, and rail sectors. Tom has over 27 years' experience working for wildlife. Over this time Tom has led practical management of protected sites, developed local, regional, and national biodiversity strategies and policies, led programs of research, and managed the delivery of the England's biodiversity strategy.

Professor Susan Michie

Susan Michie, FMedSci, FAcSS, FBA is Professor of Health Psychology and Director of the Centre for Behaviour Change at University College London, UK. (www.ucl.ac.uk/behaviour-change).

Professor Michie's research focuses on human behaviour change in relation to health and the environment: how to understand it theoretically and apply theory and evidence to intervention and policy development, evaluation and implementation. Her research, collaborating with disciplines such as information science, environmental science, computer science and medicine, covers population, organisational and individual level interventions. She is an investigator on 15 research projects and has published >550 journal articles and several books, including the Behaviour Change Wheel: A Guide to Designing Interventions.

Lindsay Hoopper

Lindsay is Chief Executive of the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL), where she works with businesses and financial institutions to address climate, nature and social risks and to mobilise innovation and investment for market-wide action.

She previously led CISL's international education portfolio, building a global community of more than 40,000 executives. Her external work spans board-level engagement, strategy support and cross-sector collaborations across critical sectors: finance, the built environment, food, manufacturing and mining, as well as work with major cities and state-owned enterprises in China and the Middle East.

Lindsay speaks and writes on global trends and their implications for business competitiveness, investment and leadership. Her recent publications include 'Survival of the Fittest: From ESG to Competitive Sustainability' and 'Competing in the Age of Disruption'. Her Reuters column explores how geopolitics, AI and climate and nature-related risks are reshaping the conditions for business strategy, investment and long-term resilience.