



SUDSnet – Celebrating 15 years

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In the beginning

SUDSnet was established in 2003 with support from an EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council) network grant. SUDSnet is coordinated by UWTC (Urban Water Technology Centre) at the University of Abertay Dundee, Scotland and Coventry University, England, UK, in conjunction with several other partners - Academic and Professional. The aim was to form a national network to help academics and practitioners communicate effectively about SUDS. The EPSRC funding ran from 2004-2007 and since then the network has been self-sustaining.

SUDSnet remit

The EPSRC funding enabled academics and practitioners to communicate more effectively about SUDS. The network has a focus on various issues related to SUDS:

- best management practices
- design-code refinements
- development of design procedures
- monitoring programmes
- lessons learned from existing SUDS schemes
- Multiple-benefits from SUDS (including ecosystem service provision)

The network has a wide remit including:

- Co-ordinating meetings
- Organising field visits
- Establishing a web-based resource for practitioners to use and refer to.

Progress and Prospects

At 15 years old we celebrate partnership working and we continue to work together to deliver better water management solutions in a wide variety of situations.

As we continue our networking conference tradition. We share case studies and research results from SUDS in new & retrofit situations, to refugee camps and extreme climatic conditions, and provide inspiration and examples from education, as we communicate and articulate water management issues.

SUDSnet continues to provide academia, industry and stakeholders with a friendly and supportive network forum where they can develop and expand their own knowledge and practice. Collectively we explore ways that we can advance the field of sustainable surface water management by designing, implementing and communicating our projects.

We hope SUDSnet members will help continue this tradition for another 15 years.



2004 – lunch and networking - Dunfermline



2004 – fieldtrip, Dunfermline



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2012 – Alison Duffy – introduces tree pit SUDS



2012 – question time and discussion with international panel



2012 – John Howe Interpave sponsors stand



2012 – Louise Walker Asks – can UK cities ever become water sensitive?



2012 – Rachel Dearden – BGS Infiltration tool



2015 – Conference meal



2015 – SUDSnet Student presenters



2015 – Après-conference drinks and lively discussion



2015 – Sara Perales explains Aguaval and Mediterranean SuDS



2015 – Rebecca - Urban Water and Ecosystem Services – highlighting multiple benefits!



2012 – Field visit to Formpave test site

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