



Sustainable & Accessible Urban Landscapes Final Conference

Vital Urban Landscapes
towards a new quality of life in city regions

Tuesday 27 - Thursday 29 June 2006
Amsterdam

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Programme (1)

Tuesday 27 June 2006

Welcome reception, Zuiderkerk

- 16.30 Arrival at Zuiderkerk (please make your own way – see map on page 4)
Drinks, canapés and an opportunity to view the SAUL project village
The following short presentations will be made:
- Preview of SAUL video (full version to be shown 29/06/06)
 - Welcome to SAUL
Clive Fox - SAUL Lead Partner, Groundwork London
 - Welcome to Amsterdam
Marijke Vos - Alderman for green and public space, and social care
 - SAUL and the Interreg IIIB NWE programme objectives
Daniel Von Hugo – Interreg IIIB Northwest Europe Secretariat
- 18.15 Depart Zuiderkerk by coach for dinner
- 19.00 Dinner at IJ Kantine (see address on page 4)
- 22.00 Return to hotel by coach

Wednesday 28 June 2006

Site visit day

- 09.00 All delegates meet in lobby of Ibis Hotel for registration (see location/address on page 4)
- 09.30 Coaches depart for site visit programmes
Please choose between programme A or B by Tuesday 20th June (see page 3)
- 17.00 Arrive back at hotel
- 18.15 Coach pick up from hotel for dinner
- 19.00 Dinner at Het Rijk van de Keizer (see address on page 4)
- 22.15 Return to hotel by coach

Please note:

Delegates who participate in site visit Programme A (Inner City Urban Landscapes Development) will be visiting a business complex for lunch. For security reasons, it is essential to bring a passport, or other form of photographic identification.



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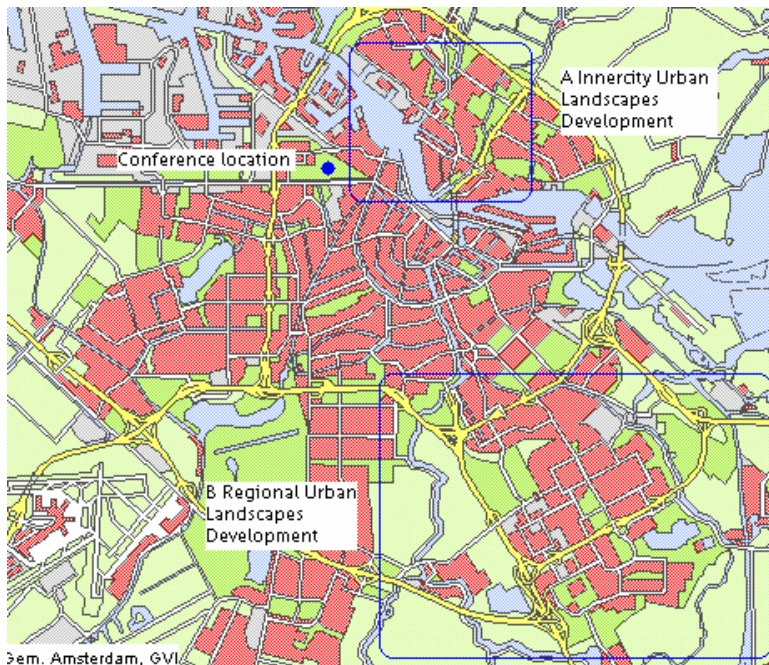


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Programme (2)

Site visit day - programme options



Two alternative site visit programmes will be available at the conference. Delegates can choose to participate in **EITHER** programme A **OR** B.

Numbers on each programme are strictly limited so please email your preferred choice as soon as possible (and by Tuesday 20 June at the latest) to rhiannon.lewis@groundwork.org.uk

Programme A - Inner City Urban Landscape Development

Noorderpark

As the result of transport infrastructure improvements in the area, two existing parks - Florapark and Volewijkspark - are being unified to create the Noorderpark. Noorderpark is being designed as the new heart of North Amsterdam, offering a range of attractions. Delegates will explore the park by foot, focussing on social inclusion strategies for the park and the impact of

the changes in transport infrastructure. Representatives from SAUL projects in London and the Rhein-Ruhr region, will relate the experiences of their own projects to those in Noorderpark.

Northern bank of the River IJ

This area of former shipyards is being transformed by the development of creative industries, housing and leisure facilities, with special attention to green spaces and quality of life. As with many other European cities, the 'back-yard' of the city is being developed into a new 'front-yard'. Delegates will take a walking tour around the former wharves, focussing on the re-use of industrial structures, the creation of new buildings and the development of new green spaces. The visit will be combined with reflections from SAUL projects in Saarland and Frankfurt.

***Delegates who participate in site visit Programme A will be visiting a business complex for lunch.
For security reasons, it is essential to bring photographic identification on the visit.***

Programme B - Regional Urban Landscape Development

Amstel Wedge

The Amstel Wedge is one of the green wedges around Amsterdam, reserved as a recreational area for the city. The SAUL project helped to find new and sustainable uses that attract people from the city when agriculture can no longer support the landscape, while also strengthening bonds between the city and the countryside. Delegates will take a boat tour along the River Amstel and visit a local farm focussing on alternative uses for agricultural and forestry areas. SAUL projects from Saarland will share their experiences of alternative land use for forestry areas.

Diemer Wedge

Another of Amsterdam's green wedges is the Diemer Wedge, a landscape of contrasts broken up by infrastructural barriers and administrative boundaries. The area is currently being redeveloped with a new forest, parks, a 'boulevard of nature', and water-recreation areas. Delegates will take a bike tour through the wedge, a new recreational area, and an employment training initiative. Representatives from SAUL projects in Luxembourg and Frankfurt will share their experiences.

Please note that a short cycle ride is included in Programme B.

***Please note that Amsterdam weather can be changeable -
Please bring rain-wear and suitable footwear!***

Programme (3)



Thursday 29 June, 2006

Chair: Tracy Metz

- 08.00 Delegates check out of hotel (those staying at Ibis hotel only)
- 08.30 Coaches depart hotel (those staying at Ibis hotel only)
- 09.00 Registration at Westergasfabriek
- 09.30 Welcome to SAUL conference
Clive Fox – SAUL Lead Partner, Groundwork London
Tracy Metz - Chair
- 09.45 SAUL film (full length version)
- 10.05 Challenges of New Urban Landscapes – The Amsterdam Example (Social inclusion)
Job Cohen, Mayor of Amsterdam
- 10.20 Challenges of New Urban Landscapes – The Amsterdam Example (Regional economic development)
Jan Doets & Robert Dijkmeester, South Axis Business District
- 10.45 Coffee break — Project Village and art projects available to view
- 11.15 New Urban Landscapes – What are they and why are they important?
Alain Thierstein, Professor for Spatial and Territorial Development, TU Munich
- 11.45 Tackling New Urban Landscapes – Approaches, challenges and possible solutions
Fred Schoolt, Netherlands Institute of Physical Planning and Housing
- 12.20 Lunch break
Optional guided tours of Westergasfabriek, and SAUL Project Village available to view
- 13.50 Youth Ambassadors demonstration event
- 14.05 Discussion forum 1 - Involving citizens in quality of life issues
Forum members to include politicians, professionals and local SAUL champions
- 14.50 Discussion forum 2 - Tackling unemployment and inequality
Forum members to include politicians, professionals and local SAUL champions
- 15.35 Comfort break
- 15.45 Response to SAUL messages on behalf of DG Regio
Lewis Dijkstra, Urban Actions Unit, DG Regio
- 15.55 Closing address
Clive Fox
- 16.15 End of programme. The venue will remain open until 16.45 for refreshments and further viewing of the SAUL Project Village and arts projects.

- After the programme, coaches will be arranged to Amsterdam Schipol Airport and Central Station
- All presentations will include time for audience comment and questions
- The majority of the programme will be held in English. German translation will be provided



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Saarland

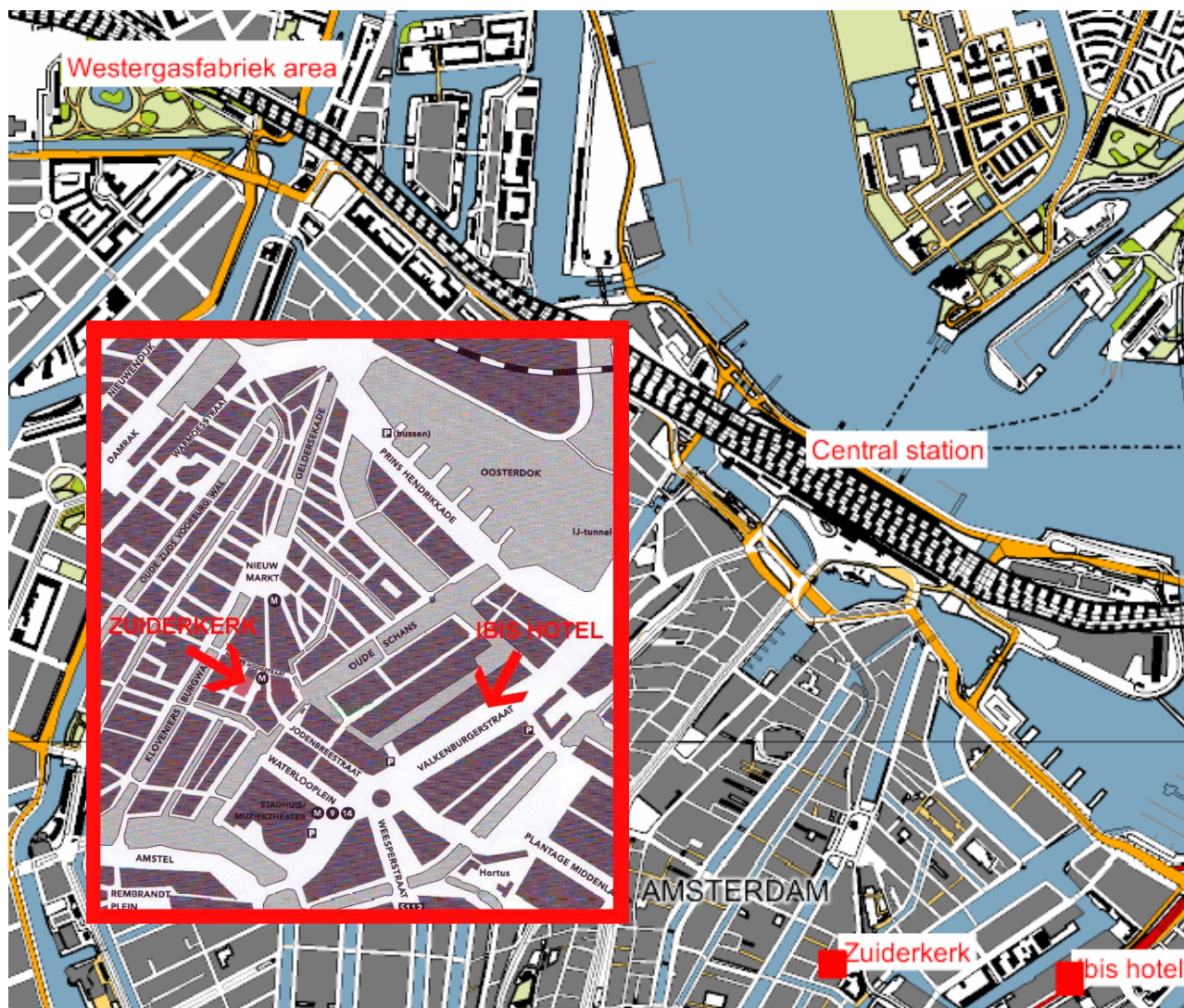


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Venue Information (4)



A tourist map and travel map of Amsterdam will be available for delegates on arrival at the hotel

Hotel

Ibis Amsterdam City Stopera

Valkenburgerstraat 68
1011 LZ Amsterdam
(<http://www.hotels.nl/amsterdam/ibis/>)

SAUL evening reception - 27 June

Zuiderkerk

Zuiderkerkhof 72
1011 WB Amsterdam

Dinner venue - 27 June

IJ Kantine

Mt.Ondinaweg 15-17
1033 RE Amsterdam-Noord

Dinner venue - 28 June

Het Rijk van de Keizer

Haarlemmerweg 711/Joris van den Berghweg 101-111
1067 HP Amsterdam

SAUL Conference Day - 29 June

Cultuurpark Westergasfabriek

Haarlemmerweg 8-10
1014 BE Amsterdam
(<http://www.westergasfabriek.com>)

Directions to Ibis Hotel -

- From Amsterdam Schipol Airport/Central Station

Take the train from Amsterdam Schipol Airport station to Amsterdam Central Station,
From Amsterdam Central Station, take any subway train,
Get off at the second station Waterlooplein,
Walk left and follow signs to Waterlooplein,
Go up two sets of stairs, keeping to the right,
Cross the Waterlooplein and go straight on,
Cross the traffic lights into the Valkenburgerstraat,
At the end of the street the hotel is on the left.

Directions to Cultuurpark Westergasfabriek -

- From Amsterdam Central Station:

Busline 18 (busstop Van Hallstraat) or
Busline 22 (busstop Nassauplein)

- From Amsterdam City Centre:

Tramline 10 (tramstop Van Limburgstirumplein)

- From Amsterdam Sloterdijk Station:

Busline 46 (busstop Haarlemmerweg)