

# Four Urban Commons

## Methodologies for Engagement

**Wastes and Strays: the past present and future of English urban commons** a 3-year AHRC-funded research project

Bringing together representatives, stakeholders and users of urban commons with experts in open space management and methods of public engagement.

**The University of Brighton School of Architecture and Design**  
with the Centre for Spatial, Environmental and Cultural Politics

Tuesday 9th July 2019

Room 318b, Grand Parade  
Brighton, BN2 0JY

**12.00 Opens** [Lunch for invitees]

**12.30 Introductions**

Alessandro Zambelli (for host institution and as 'Future' Co-Investigator)  
Chris Rodgers (Project Introduction from the Principal Investigator)

**12.45 Common Conversations** (reps from each common in conversation)

- Town Moor and Mousehold Heath (30mins)  
(with Chris Rodgers and Rachel Hammersley)
- Valley Gardens and Clifton Down (30mins)  
(with John Clark and Alessandro Zambelli)

**2.00 Common Talk** (chair Emma Cheatle)

- All 'commons' representatives (30mins)



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**2.45 Talking Engagement** (chair Alessandro Zambelli)

- Nicola Hodgson (Open Spaces Society) (20mins)
- Duncan MacKay (Natural England) (20mins)
- Nick Gant (Community 21) (20mins)



**4.00 Making Engagement** (Parallel workshops with coffee/tea)

- Group 1 (45mins)
- Group 2 (45mins)
- Group 3 (45mins)



**4.45 Re-talking Engagement**

Report back: 'common methods'  
(co-chaired by all Wastes and Strays Investigators and Post-docs)

**5.30 Close**

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