

Conference Speakers

Karl Bartlett - Chairman of IMBA-UK

Karl has a wealth of knowledge about mountain biking in the UK. He has also been instrumental in the development of mountain biking across Scotland. Karl is the Conference Chairman.

Mike Van Abel - Executive Director of IMBA.

Mike is based in Colorado, USA and will be looking at the latest trends and developments in mountain biking from an international perspective. He'll be sharing IMBA's thoughts on the future, the threats mountain biking faces and where IMBA stand on a range of topics from trail centre location through to the global footprint of destination mountain biking.

Kevin Mayne - Director CTC

Fresh from bringing £19.9million worth of Big Lottery Funding into the Active Travel Consortium, with just over £5million worth of funding for CTC's Cycle Champions, Kevin knows a thing or two about attracting funding for cycling. He will talk through how to make your project attractive to funders and how you can tailor it to fit funding criteria. Kevin will also discuss what funders will be looking for from mountain bike projects in the future.

Mike Nelson - Founder of Cascade Environmental

Mike's has worked on two of the mountain bike world's choice destinations, Whistler and Squamish in Canada. Mike brings to the conference a wealth of knowledge on mountain biking's environmental footprint, and information as to how we can plan, build and manage projects in the future that both complement the environment and meet the needs of mountain bikers.

Duncan Mackay - Policy Specialist at Natural England

Drawing on the latest government thinking and policy, Duncan has a unique insight into the way forward for mountain biking. He'll be looking at how everyone involved in mountain biking can make sure their projects will stand the test of time and ensure a sustainable and prosperous future.

Chris Ford - Director CycleActive

Chris will be outlining how important it is to create the right mountain bike experience and match the trails to the riders and the riders to the trail. He'll examine what mountain bikers are looking for and how we can make sure that we meet their expectations. Plus how we can create trails to bring new people to mountain biking and keep them coming back.

John Ireland - Forestry Commission Visitor Safety Expert

Although to many Health and Safety (H&S) might not be the sexiest of subjects, H&S's legal and practical implications are far reaching for mountain biking. John has been working on improving visitor safety in the Forestry Commission's forests and has developed a range of practical guidance for the MTB sector. John will look at how H&S can have a positive effect on mountain biking and how it's in everyone's interest to adopt a professional approach.

Julie Cartner - Mountain Bike Development Specialist

Julie will examine the effect millions of pounds of investment has had on mountain biking. She'll be discussing how successful public money has been at broadening the market and how that investment is reflected in the trails that have already been designed and built. Furthermore, she'll share her experiences from across the globe as to the most effective way to deal with the demands of a diverse range of mountain bikers.

Dafydd Davis MBE - Trails By Dafydd Davis

Drawing on his work on trail development projects around the world, Dafydd will be focussing on where his approach to trail design and building has really made a difference. He'll share the lessons learnt from key case studies and give a unique insight into the many mountain bike projects he has worked on.

Vince Bartlett - London Development Agency and Ian Warby - CTC

As the capital prepares for the London 2012 Olympics, Vince and Ian take a look at one of the first legacy projects to be delivered – the Redbridge Cycling Centre. Their presentation focuses on the off-road trail and how the LDA, its partners and CTC put together the pieces of a complex jigsaw to create an exciting urban trail project.

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