

# Exciting plans for the Sustainable Urban Development programme as it approaches its 10th anniversary



The Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) MSc at Continuing Education is branching out in fresh directions as it approaches its 10th anniversary in 2020.



Coming first is a direct link with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform. This is being cemented with a workshop to be held at the United Nations HQ this July - *Squaring the Circle: global and local approaches to making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable*.

The UN is aiming to form partnerships with higher education institutions to help build sustainable and resilient societies, and to this end, a connection is being forged between the UN and the SUD programme – both agreeing that a crucial factor indispensable for the achievement of sustainable development is access to education.

Dr David Howard, Associate Professor in Sustainable Urban Development (@sustainable\_urb) has designed the interactive workshop to promote engagement with the UN's Sustainable Urban Developments goals - a major focus for UN activities up to 2030, following on from the Millennium Development Goals established for 2000-2015. The workshop will discuss ways in which businesses, governments and NGOs can deliver education on sustainable development.

Organised in collaboration with fellow tutor Edward Kellow, students and alumni Leonardo Martins Dias, Darlene Paranaque and Anne-Marie Sowder, and colleagues from around the globe, the workshop is one of only seven proposals from across the world accepted to run at the UN's High-Level Political Forum on Sustainability (HLPF), held in New York between 9-18 July.