

What have plants ever done for us?

Well; they feed us, they give us air to breathe, they reduce our stress levels, they improve our environment, they make us better faster, they can protect us from climate change/global warming and beyond the aesthetics they are good for wildlife. **But are some plants better at this than others?**

This year's Palmstead Soft Landscape Workshop is looking at the benefits plants bring to the table. A broad range of experts in their field, will probe this topic with plenty of advice on how to and why. It is sure to be a fascinating and stimulating day. The day is focussed at professional landscapers and planting designers with registration on line at www.palmstead.co.uk click on events.



International designer **Jinny Blom** will talk on the psychological and healing benefits plants bring and how designs can utilize this.



Botanist & NHM Herbarium Curator **Dr Mark Spencer** will look at the cultural links we have with plants and how biodiversity is good for us too.



RHS Research Fellow **Dr Tijana Blanusa** will show from her research which plants are better at pollution mitigation and which help wildlife too.



Urban greening specialist and CABI Advisor **Anne Jaluzot** will illustrate smart horticulture where planting and trees have de-stressed an urban centre.



Garden designer **Jackie Herald** with collaborator **Shenagh Hume** will look at the unintended consequences of planting design - allergies with advice on how to avoid making matters worse.



Raoul Curtis-Machin HTA's Head of Horticulture will advise designers & landscapers on the biosecurity threats we all face and the precautions as an industry we need to take.

Save the date — Wednesday 21st September 2016

This successful day for Garden Designers, Landscape Architects, Landscape Contractors and GreenSpace Managers is held at the Ashford International Hotel Ashford Kent 9:00—16:00. As usual there will be a shuttle bus running from the train station with its fast links to London St Pancras. Visits to the nursery which is nearby can also be arranged on the day.

Book on line — tickets only £36 incl Vat, lunch & delegate pack. www.palmstead.co.uk

More information is available for this successful industry event on our web site and will be added to over the summer with speaker interviews and useful links to information sources. Book early to avoid disappointment.