

**Connecting capital
and country –
maximising the wider
benefits of Wales’
transport opportunity.**



When: Tuesday 17th September 2024 10.00am – 12.30pm

Where: One Central Square Cardiff, CF10 1FS

Cardiff Business Club, in partnership with the Design Commission for Wales, warmly invites you to join us for an exclusive round table event with an expert panel. Three industry leaders share their perspectives on capturing value and wider benefits from the transport opportunities across Wales.

The event is hosted by Cardiff Business club Chair Philip Jardine and chaired by Carole-Anne Davies, Chief Executive of the Design Commission for Wales. We very much hope you can join us on 17th September 2024, ask your questions and make your contribution.

Please RSVP by 10th September 2024 to Liz Brooks: office@cardiffbusinessclub.org

Please indicate any dietary requirements or allergies in your RSVP.



Philip Jardine is a Partner at Blake Morgan heading up the firm's built environment department and is Chair of Cardiff Business Club. Phil's career spans broad real estate practice, large scale private and public sector development and regeneration projects. He is passionate about Cardiff, about Wales and about high quality well designed development that contributes to competitive advantage. Phil is a former Director of Cardiff City and served two full terms as a Commissioner of the Design Commission for Wales.



Carole-Anne Davies is Chief Executive of the Design Commission for Wales. She served as a Trustee of Amgueddfa Cymru National Museum Wales (2008 – 2015) including the Development Committee overseeing the multi-award winning St Fagans National Museum of History project. She was formerly Director of Cardiff Bay Arts Trust, a consultant to the Scottish Government and a Trustee of the Architectural Heritage Fund. She is Chair of Gregynog Trust, the charity that owns the Grade II* Listed Gregynog Hall and Estate in mid-Wales. An experienced senior leader, Carole-Anne has led the Design Commission team since inception, working closely with eight Ministers and numerous senior colleagues in the Welsh Government and the wider industry across sectors. She is an alumna of Common Purpose Global Leaders; of Harvard Kennedy School Executive Programme; the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL), an honorary member of the Royal Town Planning Institute and Chair of the Welsh School of Architecture External Advisory Board.

Speakers:



Ewan Jones is Chair of the Design Commission for Wales. Born in Newport and raised in Porthcawl, Ewan is a Partner at Grimshaw, an architectural practice, founded in the UK, with an international reputation for design excellence. He has over 30 years' experience working on infrastructure, commercial and education projects in the UK, Europe and Australia. Ewan's design work promotes the integration of architecture, engineering, and construction to create distinct places tuned to their individual context. Ewan's achievements include the St Botolph Building and Lloyds Bank headquarters in the City of London, the Stirling Prize shortlisted Bijlmer ArenA Station in Amsterdam, and Newport City Footbridge. He also worked extensively on Grimshaw's designs for HS2's Euston Station and projects currently underway include construction of the Colne Valley Viaduct for HS2 and detailed design for Caerphilly Interchange.



Pooja Agrawal is the Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Public Practice. She is an architect and planner who worked as a public servant at Homes England and the Greater London Authority. She co-founded the social equality platform Sound Advice and co-published *Now You Know*, a compendium of fifty essays exploring spatial and racial inequality. She is a Trustee at Open City and a Fellow at the Institute of Innovation and Public Purpose.

In 2023, she received the "AJ100 Contribution to the Architecture Profession Award", the "London Design Festival Innovation Award" and the "UKREiiF People and Skills Torchbearer of the year". During the last five years, she has been included in the Planner's Woman of Influence a number of times, most recently in 2022.

Pooja was a key speaker at the British Irish Council's 25th Anniversary placemaking symposium, in Cardiff 2023, organised by the Design Commission for Wales in partnership with the British Irish Council.



James Price is Chief executive of Transport for Wales. Formerly Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Welsh Government, James was appointed as TfW's Chief Executive Officer in January 2018 after acting as Chair during its start-up phase. James started his career in civil engineering contracting. A professional economist, he has worked across the UK with the Welsh Government, UK Government and with government-owned agencies in Wales and England. Until the end of 2017 he was also the Additional Accounting Officer for Economy, Transport, Skills and Natural Resources, leading a team of around 2,500 civil servants. James has had responsibility for infrastructure delivery for the Welsh Government since 2007, firstly as Director of Transport and then as director general and Deputy Permanent Secretary. He is now responsible for the day-to-day operations of TfW and the proper stewardship of public funds. James is also the Chair of Transport for Wales Rail Ltd and a Director of Pullman Rail Ltd.

