

# Curious Cities Assembly 2026 - Programme

## Day 1 – 24 June: Active Childhoods & New Neighbourhoods

Exploring how streets, transport and neighbourhood design can support children's health, independence and play.

### Part 1: Active Childhoods

Time (BST)	Session	Speakers
09:15 – 10:00	Registration	
10:00 – 10:05	Introducing Curious Cities	Barbara Stoll, Clean Cities
10:10 – 10:15	Welcome to Lambeth	Ciara Alleyne, Deputy Leader of Lambeth Council, Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Future Generations
10:20 – 10:40	What is Childhood?	Nikhil Chaudhary, Cambridge University
10:45 – 11:00	Getting kids active is the miracle cure	Professor Scarlett McNally, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
11:05 – 11:15	Kids, streets, and climate action	Mete Coban MBE, Deputy Mayor of London for Environment and Energy
11:15 – 11:30	Refreshment break	
11:30 – 11:45	Helping children breathe, driving out diesel: Lessons from the CHILL study	Professor Chris Griffiths, Queen Mary University of London
11:50 – 12:05	Freedom to move is everybody's business	Dr. Amit Patel
12:10 – 12:40	Kids' online wellbeing takes a village: Report from Greystones Ireland	Rachel Harper, Principal of St. Patrick's National School Moderated by Barbara Stoll, Clean Cities
12:40 – 13:40	Lunch break	

### Part 2: Neighbourhoods & The Doorstep

Time (BST)	Session	Speakers
13:40 – 13:50	Starting with the doorstep	Gemma Hyde, TCPA
13:55 – 14:15	A doorstep is a portal to transform the world	Amahra Spence, MAIA/Hood Studio
14:20 – 15:00	Contested space: Who shapes the doorstep, and why are better outcomes difficult to deliver?	Christopher Martin, Urban Movement Lucy Saunders, Healthy Streets Jasmine Hoffman, Yes Ball Games Moderated by Gemma Hyde, TCPA
15:00 – 15:15	Move between rooms	
15:15 – 15:55 (Breakout A)	Designing new neighbourhoods to support activity and everyday play	Dinah Bornat, ZCD Architects Garry Hall, Homes England Moderated by Harriet Saddington, Architect
15:15 – 15:55 (Breakout B)	Redesigning existing places to work better for children and families	Chris Donkin, London Sport Katherine Knight, Intelligent Health Moderated by Christopher Martin, Urban Movement
15:55 – 16:10	Refreshment break	
16:10 – 16:50	Shifting power: young people shape their place	Amahra Spence, MAIA/Hood Studio Love Ssega, Live+Breathe Dinah Bornat, ZCD Architects Lais Fleury, Alana Foundation Moderated by Robin Oakley, UMI Fund
16:55 – 17:10	Freedom for Whom?	Rezina Chowdhury, Active travel advocate and previous Deputy Leader of Lambeth
17:00 – 19:00	Networking drink, Coin Street Rooftop	

## Day 2 – 25 June: Barriers to Independence & Streets for Kids

Examining solutions, policies and interventions to make cities safer and more child-friendly.

### Part 1: Barriers to Independence

Time (BST)	Session	Speakers
08:00 – 09:00	Site visit: The school run at Lambeth School Streets (separate registration required)	Samuel Dillon, Lambeth School Streets Officer David Wilson, Chief Architect, Lambeth Curbside Strategy
09:00 – 09:45	Registration	
09:45 – 09:50	Welcome to day two	Oliver Lord, Clean Cities
09:55 – 10:10	Keynote address	Chris Boardman CBE, National Active Travel Commissioner
10:15 – 10:55	Streets for play, streets for freedom: How a "child lens" would transform transport policy	Tim Gill, Independent scholar Alice Ferguson, Playing Out Professor Ian Walker, Swansea University Moderated by Catherine Woodhead, Living Streets
10:55 – 11:10	Refreshment break	
11:10 – 11:50 (Breakout A)	The route to active streets is in the air	Jemima Hartshorn, Mums for Lungs Maya Mailer, Our Kids Climate Cecilia Vaca Jones, Breathe Cities Moderated by Arthur Kay, Author of Roadkill
11:10 – 11:50 (Breakout B)	From Local to Global: Mobilities of Care	Maud de Vries, BYCS Neha Saigal, Intertidal Lab Aslihan Tumer, UMI Fund Moderated by Emily Armistead, NEON
11:50 – 12:00	Move between rooms	
12:00 – 12:40	Carspreading	Alexander Premm, Lab of Thought James Nix, T&E Anna Goodman, Transport for Quality of Life James Ward, SUV Alliance Moderated by Barbara Stoll, Clean Cities
12:45 – 13:10	New York's next chapter in transport	Mike Flynn, Commissioner NYC DOT
13:10 – 14:00	Lunch break	

### Part 2: Streets for Kids

Time (BST)	Session	Speakers
14:00 – 14:05	Introducing Streets for Kids	Anna Becchi, Clean Cities
14:05 – 14:40	Getting kids moving: lessons from active travel leaders	Will Norman, London Walking & Cycling Commissioner Cllr Sarah Warren, Deputy Leader of Bath & Somerset Council Moderated by Laura Laker, Journalist and writer
14:50 – 15:05	The hill of hysteria	Alexander Premm, Lab of Thought
15:10 – 15:25	Building a bike movement in Mexico City	Areli Carreón, Bicitekas / Mexico Road Safety Coalition
15:25 – 15:40	Refreshment break	
15:40 – 16:20 (Breakout A)	Partnerships and campaigning: Making change happen	Caroline Russell, London Assembly (short keynote) Nicola Pastore, Solve The School Run Harry Gray, WalkRide Greater Manchester Etive Currie, Glasgow City Council Moderated by Caz Conneller, Clean Cities
15:40 – 16:20 (Breakout B)	The multi-modal school run	Pooya Kamvari, HomeRun Katie Collier, Worcester Bike Bus Alper Muduroglu, PedalUK Kate Ball, Wheels for Wellbeing Moderated by Patrin Watanatada, Think Feel Change
16:20 – 16:30	Move between rooms	
16:30 – 17:10	Resilient streets for kids	Chiara Molinar, City of Paris Demetrio Scopelliti, AMAT, Comune di Milano Elliot Treharne, Greater London Authority
17:15 – 17:30	Streets & the ecological transition of Paris	Dan Lert, Deputy Mayor of Paris