

Facilitator of sustainability-related events

I design and lead engaging, enjoyable events where people learn, inform policy, make decisions, resolve differences, develop strategies and plans, and enhance wellbeing and resilience.

I bring experience, skills and effective techniques to the design and delivery of each event to maximise its impact and meet the needs of organisers and participants.

With a long established expertise in sustainability and environment, I lead and contribute to events on related topics, and for organisations working in these areas. Projects include...

Conferences

Perth & Kinross Council / Stratego: A district heating conference for property developers, regulators and other stakeholders to inform the council's strategic planning process.

ESCom: Lead facilitator of the annual conference for the Ecosystem Services Community Scotland.

University of Edinburgh, Forest Research & NERC: A stakeholder conference to assess biodiversity and ecosystem services impacts of woodland expansion scenarios.

Centre for Global EcoInnovation (Universities of Lancaster & Liverpool): Lead facilitator of two day conference of 80 PhD students, supervisors and SMEs.

Consultations

City of Edinburgh Council, with Transition Edinburgh & Nourish: Four public workshops to gather community priorities to inform locality plans required by Community Empowerment Act.

Cycling Scotland: A programme of consultation workshops with staff, students, cycling groups and public agencies to develop criteria for the Cycle Friendly Campus Award.

Scottish Carbon Capture & Storage: A workshop to gather views of 100 members of the public about climate change and energy technologies, part of an international consultation.

Local Energy Scotland: A consultation workshop on draft Scottish Government guidance on community benefit from offshore renewables, with industry, government and community.



*Osbert did a wonderful job.
The relaxed and friendly atmosphere allowed
everyone to have their ideas heard.*

Vanessa Burton; ESCom



I recommend Osbert for his knowledge and experience, ability to deliver well-structured and successful workshops, and for his deep understanding of sustainability and social responsibility issues and integrity in how he goes about his work.

Dave Gorman; Director of Social Responsibility and Sustainability Department; Univeristy of Edinburgh

Engagement & planning

Universitas 21: A two day international workshop on global food security with 60 academics and partners from across the world to develop an action plan for collaboration.

Centre for Ecology & Hydrology: A workshop to engage industry, academics and agencies in a funding bid for a knowledge exchange programme on heat recovery from inland waters.

Sniffer: A workshop with all staff and board members to initiate the development of three year strategic plan.

University of Edinburgh: A series of workshops to gather views, engage staff and inform strategy as part of developing and reviewing the university's social responsibility and sustainability strategy.

Methilhill Community Children's Initiative: Supported management group and volunteers, including young people, to consult the community and develop an outline project for a funding application.

Greener Kirkcaldy: Supported trustees, staff and stakeholders to consult the community, agree priorities and develop a project outline for a funding application.

Climate Friendly Aberlady: Supported management group to agree priorities for community engagement event.



Walks & outdoor events

National Health Service Education for Scotland: Wellbeing walk at the launch conference of Active and Independent Living Improvement Programme.

National Tree Collections of Scotland: Indoor and outdoor networking event to share knowledge and build stronger connections between members.

PepsiCo: A day long hill walk for a work team to explore wellbeing and resilience through experiences of nature.

Thanks for an excellent session. It has helped build strong foundations for our strategic planning and team building. You pitched the format and tone of the sessions just right, and as always brought a lovely encouraging style.

Ruth Wolstenholme; Managing Director; Sniffer

Osbert designed and facilitated a successful workshop, and factored in our changes right up until the last minute.

Jennifer Ramsay; Project Manager; Local Energy Challenge Fund at Local Energy Scotland

Osbert was able to quickly grasp what we wanted to accomplish and had some great ideas on how to achieve our goals. I highly recommend Osbert for planning and facilitating interactive workshops.

Graham Esson; Team Leader; Sustainability, Policy & Research; Perth & Kinross Council