



UCL Transport Institute Town Meeting

4.30–6.00 p.m. Monday, 20 May 2013
Roberts G06 Sir Ambrose Fleming LT

As part of its Transport and Sustainable Mobility theme, UCL's Grand Challenge of Sustainable Cities (GCSC) is working with Dr Nicola Christie (Director, UCL Centre for Transport Studies, UCL Civil, Environmental & Geomatic Engineering) to create a pan-UCL Transport Institute (UCLTI).

The purpose of the UCLTI is to harness expertise across disciplines to show to the world how our research addresses the core societal values of Safety, Culture, Health and wellbeing, Accessibility, Prosperity and economic growth, and Security, using a person-centred, complex systems approach. The Institute will act as a stimulus and focal point for interdisciplinary research initiatives and aim to bring together the research community and policy makers, practitioners, and the public in a series of engagement events to show how translating research into practice can help achieve value-based transport systems.

UCLTI's objectives are to:

1. Provide a centrally located transport hub to coordinate transport-related research across UCL's ten faculties
2. Develop a new web portal which will act as a platform to create collaborative research bids
3. Create a community of interest by developing a public engagement programme of seven seminars themed on research related to the values of transport entitled **'Mind the gap'—translating research into practice**
4. Use EPSRC Impact Acceleration funding to disseminate and promote the policy relevance of our research for practitioners, public and policy makers via briefing notes and published papers to be made available via the UCLTI web portal
5. Develop a new MSc in Transport, Health and Policy
6. Develop income generating CPD and consultancy activities
7. Hold a number of interdisciplinary research bid 'sandpits' based on key challenges

There will be a UCL town meeting from 4.30 p.m. on Monday 20 May to discuss this opportunity, with speakers from a number of different UCL departments, from government, and from professional organisations. The town meeting will be followed by a reception. A full prospectus will be available two weeks before the event.

Discussion at the town meeting will be important in refining an application to the Provost Strategic Fund, to support the creation of UCLTI, based on the premise that the Institute will be an institutionally important facility, adding unique value to the work and scholarly output of researchers from every contributing UCL department and Faculty.