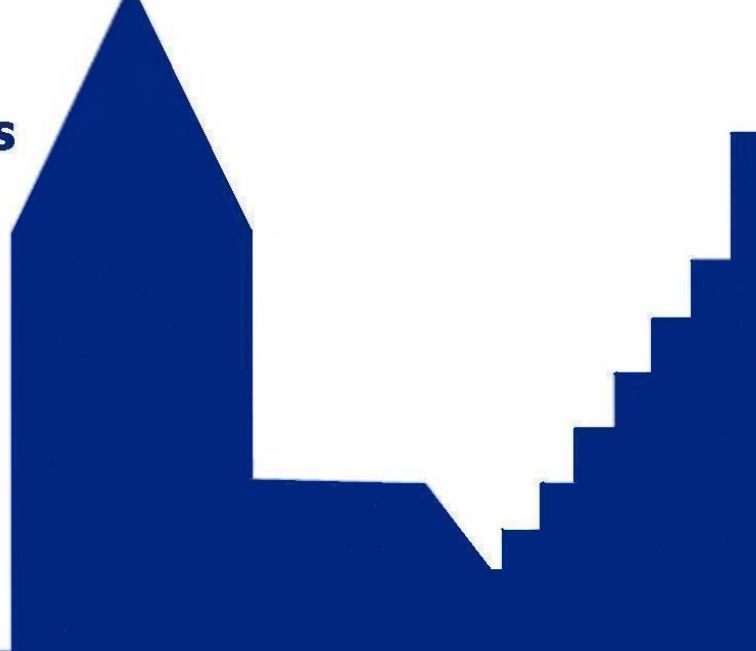




**Local Authority
Building Standards
Scotland**



LABSS

Annual Conference 2022

Friday 16th September 2022

V&A Dundee



Conference Programme

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Supporting a Good Cause

LABSS have selected Sunflower Scotland as their chosen charity to support during the 2022 Conference. Sunflower Scotland are a Volunteer Association (SCVO membership number 7225) organised by Scottish volunteers with families in Ukraine.

Their point of difference is that they support people in villages 0-20 km from the front line. Their members from Edinburgh and Kharkiv personally go there to help people in real need, knowing first hand what's going on. More information on Sunflower Scotland's work can be found here: <https://sunflowerscotland.co.uk/>

A raffle will be held on the day with all proceeds going to support Sunflower Scotland in their efforts to support families living in Ukraine.

LABSS will match any donations made by members in an effort to further support the work carried out by Sunflower Scotland.

If you wish to make your own donation to Sunflower Scotland this can be done using the following link: [Crowdfunding to Feed people in villages near the front line in the Kharkiv region during the winter on JustGiving](#)

**Cover Image: View over Dundee and River Tay from
The Law**

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Welcome to LABSS Annual Conference

I'd like to personally welcome each of you to the LABSS 2022 Annual conference. It's an exciting time to be involved in Building Standards in Scotland with many of the Futures Board workstreams coming to fruition. This year we have seen the Building Standards Hub Pilot established and the Directors, Alan McAulay and James Whiteford, appointed. I am delighted to have Alan and James join us today to share with us some of the progress they have made in their posts to date.

This year has also seen the implementation of the Building Standards Competency Assessment System (CAS). Whilst many of our members will have experienced the CAS system first hand, Dr Gavin Dunn, Chief Executive of the Chartered association of Building Engineers (CABE) will join us to share with us some of his thoughts on competency, particularly around the various grades of CABE membership. Gavin will also be at hand during the lunch and afternoon breaks to discuss what CABE can offer with any interested delegates.

As many of you will be aware, part of the aim of the hub pilot is to strengthen the current national local authority delivery model by providing a central resource with a stronger focus on regional partnerships and the sharing of specialist skills, including fire engineering for complex buildings. Neil Gibbins of CROSS-UK and former President of the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE) will be joining us to share some of his specialist knowledge.

We will also be joined by our colleagues at the Building Standards Division of the Scottish Government, with Steven Scott, Head of Technical Unit, presenting on some of the upcoming changes to the regulations which come into effect in December 2022.

And finally, I'd like to thank each of you for attending our conference and bringing your expertise to our gathering. Throughout this conference, I ask you to stay engaged, keep us proactive and help us shape the future of Building Standards in Scotland. My personal respect and thanks goes out to all of you.

Warm regards



John-Paul Breslin, LABBS Chair & Building Standards Team Leader Stirling Council

A Brief History of LABSS

Local Authority Building Standards Scotland (LABSS) is a not-for-profit membership organisation which represent Scotland's 32 local authority building standards services - the only appointed verifiers for their geographical area.

On Tuesday the 24th February 1976, a meeting of chief or senior building control officers employed in Scotland, was held in the Council Chambers, Stirling, there was formed a new Association to be known as "The Scottish Association Of Chief Building Control Officers." This became the Scottish Association of Building Standards Managers in 2003 and more recently, on the 17th May 2012, the associations re-constituted and became, Local Authority Building Standards Scotland or LABSS.

LABSS serve the public interest by bringing together all the building standards expertise, skills and resources from over 500 professionals working across every local authority in Scotland.

Visit our website at www.labss.org for more information.



LABSS AGM & Conference 2019, Peebles Hydro

Dundee – Tay Road Bridge, Image Courtesy of @Alistair Kerr, creativemongrel.com



Conference Programme

09:00 to 10:00	Registration – Tea & Coffee and Breakfast Rolls served in the Auditorium
10:00 to 10:05	General Housekeeping
10:05 to 10:15	Welcome by LABSS Past Chair Grant Tierney, Building Standards Team Leader, Aberdeen City Council
10:15 to 11:05	Chartered Association of Building Engineers Dr Gavin Dunn, Chief Executive, Chartered Association of Building Engineers
11:05 to 12:00	Update from Hub Directors Alan McAulay, Director, Building Standards Hub James Whiteford, Director, Building Standards Hub
12:00 to 13:15	<i>Lunch served in Learning Room 1 and networking</i>
13:40 to 14:20	Building Standards Division, Presentation on December 2022 Standards Steven Scott, Head of Technical Unit, Scottish Government
14:20 to 14:45	Building Standards Division awards & Ambassadors Presentation
14:45 to 15:05	LABSS Awards John Paul-Breslin, LABSS Chair
15:05 to 15:50	CROSS – UK Presentation Neil Gibbins, Lead Fire Safety Consultant, CROSS
15:50 to 16:00	Close of conference, John-Paul Breslin, LABSS Chair
16:00	Tea/coffee and sweet treats and networking <i>Compostable cups will be available if you need to dash away.</i>

Speakers

We are honoured to have the following speakers for LABSS Annual Conference



John-Paul Breslin MRICS
LABSS Chair
Building Standards Team Leader Stirling Council

Currently Building Standards Team leader at Stirling Council having over 24 years' post qualification experience since graduating from GCU with a full time Honours degree in Building Control Surveying. John-Paul has extensive experience within the Building Standards sector having worked at various local authorities as well as a practical background in the construction sector through a family-owned construction company. John-Paul has been a fully Chartered member of RICS since 2000 and is the current Chair of Local Authority Building Standards Scotland (LABSS).



Dr Gavin Dunn BSc (Hons) MSc PhD FCABE
Chief Executive
Chartered Association of Building Engineers

Originally trained as an architect, Gavin initially practised in North America with a large construction engineering firm before returning to the UK to specialise in the energy and environmental performance of buildings in 1998. Gavin advanced this specialism through positions at the Welsh School of Architecture, and Elmhurst Energy, where he helped develop some of Europe's leading building energy certification and labelling systems. In 2013 Gavin was appointed Director of Building Performance at the Building Research Establishment (BRE) where he was responsible for a portfolio of BRE's globally leading services including BREEAM and CEEQUAL the world's foremost environmental assessment methods for the built environment. In 2018, Gavin was appointed as Chief Executive of CABE where he works to help enable a more professional construction sector that works to create better, safer and more sustainable buildings that enhance people's lives. Gavin has been a member of the Building Regulations Advisory Committee (BRAC) of the UK Government since 2015 where he currently serves as Chairman of the Future Homes Standard Working Group.



**Neil Gibbins QFSM FIFireE
Lead Fire Safety Consultant
CROSS-UK**

From front line firefighter to President of The Institution of Fire Engineers, profiling fire prevention first at every opportunity.

Neil's career commenced as an operational firefighter in the late 1970's, initially serving as a firefighter in Derbyshire he progressed through the ranks to become Deputy Chief Fire Officer of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, following the successful merger of the two services.

Neil was lead officer for fire protection within the UK Chief Fire Officers Association (now NFCC) from 2007 to 2013, chairing the group that managed the implementation of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order. Since moving on from the fire and rescue service Neil has been President and CEO of the Institution of Fire Engineers.

He was chair of a national working group set up to improve product safety recalls, appointed by the then BEIS Minister Margot James. The working group's report lead directly to the creation of the Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS). He supported the post Grenfell industry led work, as a member of the Competency Steering Group and secretary of the fire engineers group as well as assisting Structural-Safety with the expansion of CROSS to incorporate fire safety.

Neil has been awarded the Queen's Fire Service Medal and is a Fellow of the Institution of Fire Engineers.



**Alan McAulay MRICS & James Whiteford MRICS
Building Standards Hub Directors**

Alan McAulay, previously Team Leader at South Lanarkshire Council Building Standards, and James Whiteford, Lead Building Standards Surveyor at Scottish Borders Council, have been appointed as the Building Standards Hub (BSH) Directors from Monday 23 May 2022 for 18 months. The Directors have been working closely with Local Authority Building Standards Scotland (LABSS), Building Standards Division (BSD) and Fife Council during the commencement of the project and have set out the aims of the BSH Pilot and the long terms objectives and deliverables during the Pilot's 18-month period. The BSH Pilot was officially launched at the Futures Board Meeting on the 15 June.

The role of the Directors is to shape and guide the work of the Hub to best support Local Authority verifiers and inform how local authority building standards joint regional working could be strengthened.

Over the 18 month period the BSH Pilot will assist in providing a central administration, coordination and guidance resource available to all local authority building standards teams in Scotland to support consistency between local authority verifiers. It will also aim to formalise and develop current LABSS building standards services and explore the provision and sharing of specialist verification skills in areas such as fire and structural engineering.

Partnerships at a national level are also planned, for example the facilitation of workload sharing between local authority verifiers to support customer service delivery during localised workload surges or temporary staff shortages.



Steven Scott

Head of Technical Unit, Building Standards Division, Scottish Government

An Architect working within the Building Standards Division, Steven joined The Scottish Government in 2003 after 15 years in private practice. Initially responsible for Section 4 (Safety) of the Technical Handbooks, including access and disability issues, he led the team responsible for energy and sustainability standards within Scottish building regulations and the implementation of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD). He is now head of the Technical Unit with overall responsibility for the review and publication of the Building Standards Technical Handbooks.

Conference Venue

Venue: V&A Dundee, 1 Riverside Esplanade, Dundee, DD1 4EZ

[Location on Google Maps](#)

V&A Dundee transforms the cultural landscape of Scotland. Housed in a world-class building, designed by renowned Japanese architect Kengo Kuma, designed as a living room for the city – an exceptional location on the River Tay. The building encapsulates V&A Dundee’s innovative attitude, confident ambition and broad outlook.

The LABSS Annual Conference will take place in Auditorium located on the upper level views towards the east of the city, this is a bright, airy space with high ceilings. Lunch will be served the Learning Room 1

A quiet/prayer room is available.

Take time to explore V&A Dundee

LABSS Committee have tailored the conference programme to allow you time to make the most of your visit to V&A Dundee, where you can view the Scottish Design Gallery (free entry) and explore the everyday relevance of design and how it improves our lives, experience the processes that underpin it and discover little-known stories of Scottish design with international impact.

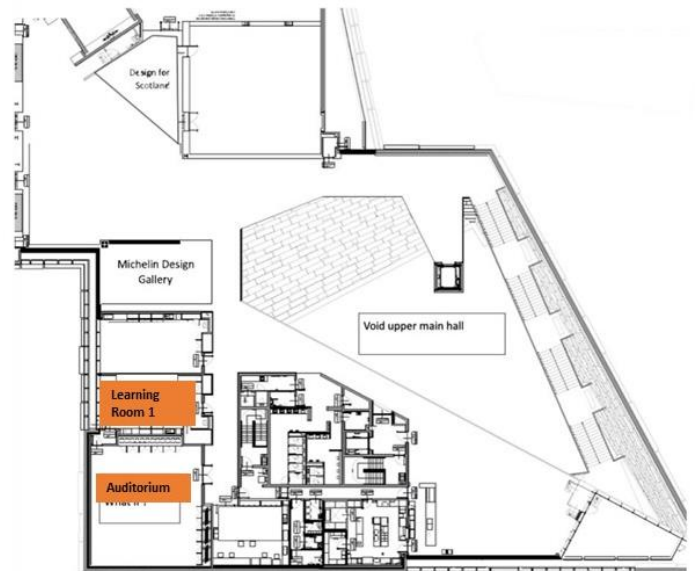


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Upper Floor Plan



Accessibility

The V&A Dundee has been designed to be inclusive and accessible, a place where everyone feels welcome.

You can access a [virtual tour of the museum](#) to familiarise yourself with the museum and the facilities.

Local Information

Visitor Information Centre

Located within the V&A Dundee, Welcome Desk, 1 Riverside Esplanade, Dundee (8 mins walk from conference venue, Apex City Quay Hotel)

- Opening hours: 10am – 5pm (closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays)
Tel: +44 (0)1382 527 527
Email: Dundee@visitscotland.com
- [Dundee City Centre Map](#)
- [Explore Dundee](#) Places to eat, shop, visit and local information

Getting Around

- **Active Travel** Dundee's active travel routes in and around the city have been developed over the last few years with a key objective to encourage active travel through walking, cycling and public transport, and deploy sustainable alternatives to decarbonise transport
- **Electric Cars - Community Car Share**
 - Community car share - for more information visit [Co-Wheels Car Club](#)
 - Electric charging posts, visit <https://www.drivedundeeelectric.co.uk/map-of-charging-posts>
- **Cycling**
 - [Embark Dundee](#) - e-bike sharing is an electric bike hire scheme with over 150 bikes, and is easy and quick to sign up. View list of [bike stations](#)
 - [Electric Bikes Scotland](#) - wide range of bikes available for hire
 - [Spokes Cycles](#) - bike hire
 - [Green Circular Cycle Route](#) - over 25 miles through the city from the country park at Camperdown to the water front at Broughty Ferry to the city centre
- **Walking Dundee**

There is a wide range of tours, trails and interesting walks on our [Tours and Trails in Dundee](#).
- **Public Transport**
 - **Edinburgh Airport Xpress**

Xplore More provides coach travel between Edinburgh Airport and Dundee. The Edinburgh Airport Xpress service runs non-stop between Dundee City Centre and Edinburgh Airport. Pick-up and drop-off place is just opposite entrance to Malmaison (in front of car park). For more information on how to book, visit [Xplore Dundee](#).
 - **Ember – Electric Coach Service**

Fast, comfortable travel by electric bus. Frequent services between Edinburgh, Dundee, Perth and Kinross. Low fares, live tracking and zero emissions. For **Edinburgh Airport**, they stop at Ingliston Park & Ride which is right next to the airport. From Ingliston Park & Ride you can take a two minute tram to the airport, a five minute bus or even walk in around 15

minutes. Coaches are wheelchair accessible – you can reserve your space at the time of booking. For **Glasgow Buchanan Street Bus Station**, pick-up point is outside Malmaison Dundee, drop-off point is at Dundee Train Station. Coach will stop at Glasgow Buchanan Street Bus Station which has frequent connections to Glasgow Airport – intermediate stops will include Stirling, Dunblane, Cumbernauld and Perth. Coaches are wheelchair accessible – you can reserve your space at the time of booking. View their timetable, book tickets, view live map and FAQs on the [Ember.to website](#).

- **Taxi service:**

- Tele Taxis - Tel: 01382 825 825 | 01382 889 333 | [Book Tele Taxis online](#)
- Dundee City Taxis - Tel: 01382 20 40 60 | [Book Dundee City Taxis online](#)
- Tay Taxis - Tel: 01382 450 450

Inclusive Dundee

- [AccessAble](#) - for detailed route guides from Dundee Station to Slessor Gardens, The McManus, V&A Dundee and Verdant Works and detailed accessibility guides of venues
- [Changing Places Toilets](#) - view the [Changing Places Toilet Map](#) for all locations and important information, such as opening times and facilities
- [Euan's Guide](#) - for disabled access reviews of venues and locations and more information about accessibility
- [Shopmobility](#) - is a scheme that loans out mobility scooters, power and manual wheelchairs
- Download [Euan's Guide - Dundee & Angus Accessible Highlights Guide](#)

Emergency & Non- Emergency Contacts

Should anyone require assistance during their stay, please contact the following:

- Visitor Information Centre: +44 (0)1382 527 527
- Pharmacist: Boots Chemist: +44 (0) 1382 221 756
- Shopmobility (hire of mobility equipment): +44 (0)1382 228 525
- Doctors (NHS 24): 111 (non-emergency medical number)
- Ninewells Hospital & Medical School: +44 (0)1382 660 111
- Dundee Dental Hospital: +44 (0)1382 660 111 (daytime)
- Police, Fire Rescue & Ambulance: 999
- Police: 101 (non-emergency number)

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Our thanks go to everyone involved.

