

Focus on SAUL Action Project:

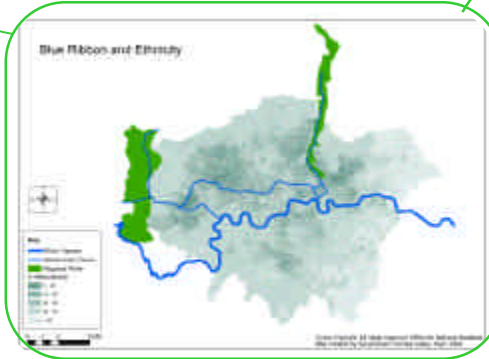
Virtual Reality Landscape Design and Visioning Project, Heathrow Airport Corridor

introduction

Sustainable & Accessible Urban Landscapes (SAUL) is a high profile, four year project led by London that has recently been awarded funding from Interreg IIB. It spans six regions in four European Countries and will address **'the vital role of socially inclusive spaces in the sustainable development of metropolitan regions.'**

In particular, it will look at:

- regional identity and importance of regional spatial planning
- planning through partnerships
- the transnational value of the 'learning region' approach.



The Colne Valley Regional Park/ Heathrow Corridor provides a pilot project that is link to projects in Saarland, Rein-Ruhr and Frankfurt/ Rhein-Main, all in located Germany. It covers 43 square miles and includes many areas of attractive countryside. However, certain areas suffer from some of the highest levels of flytipping, burnt out cars and illegal encampments in the country. It will provide a model for a local information partnership, looking at open spaces across a sub-region.

project

services provided

The project will work in several ways:

- Use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to help co-ordinate the spatial planning of neighbourhood and different tiers of local authorities with each other and with other organisations such as Government Agencies.
- 3D visualisations will be created by working with a number of local groups, recording their perceptions of the area.
- Engage in Participatory work that will focus on groups which are often marginalised in the planning process, including young people, ethnic minorities and people with disabilities.

partners



The SAUL Lead Partner is Groundwork UK through its London Office. This particular pilot project is being primarily delivered by Groundwork Thames Valley. The Geography Department at Brunel University contributes to the overall knowledge transfer between organisations through funding from WestFocus, a consortium of 7 Higher Educational Institutes in the Thames Valley Region.



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