

The Sir Patrick Geddes
Commemorative Lecture 2021

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Programme

14.30	Welcome and Introduction – Barbara Cummins, Convenor of RTPI Scotland
14:35	Presentation – Alice Charles
15:10	Q&A
15:25	Vote of Thanks – Stephen Hajducki, Past Chair, Sir Patrick Geddes Memorial Trust
15:30	Close

Sir Patrick Geddes

This is the 16th Sir Patrick Geddes Commemorative Lecture which is organised to stimulate discussion on planning issues. Sir Patrick Geddes is widely regarded as the founder of modern town planning. His interest in the natural sciences led him to a professorship at Dundee University in botany, after which he developed his interest in sociology and planning. He lived most of his life in Edinburgh during which he established the Edinburgh Social Union, promoted a wide range of sympathetic redevelopment and conservation schemes the length of the Royal Mile and founded a publishing company. He published seminal texts such as "Cities in Evolution", spent time in India as Chair in Sociology at Bombay University, planned the Hebrew University at Jerusalem and finally retired to France where he founded the College des Ecosais in Montpellier. He was knighted in London in the year of his death.



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