

# Sheffield Tree Action Groups

## Press Release

The Sheffield Tree Action Groups (STAG) campaign to save Sheffield's healthy street trees continues to attract national and international attention.

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, **Professor Peter Duinker** from the School for Resource and Environmental Studies at Dalhousie University in Canada will visit the City. Professor Duinker, an international authority, is being hosted by the Woodland Trust. He will be accompanied to hot spots in the campaign to save healthy street trees by members of the Woodland Trust's Conservation and External Affairs Department, together with members of STAG. The visit comes the day after the 98th anniversary of the planting of the controversially threatened war memorial trees on Western Road, Sheffield.

Later in the week Prof Duinker will speak at the Institute of Chartered Foresters "Trees, People & the Urban Environment" conference in Birmingham. His conference session is titled "**The Conundrum of Road side Trees: Joy in the Streets but Plight for the Trees - (Research paper)**".

Professor Duinker's visit will be preceded On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April by delegates from the Trees Party Taiwan (TPT), who will visit Sheffield to show solidarity with local campaigners.

News of the arrest of the "Chippinghouse Road Seven" made international headlines and co-founder of the TPT, Han Pan-sheng, contacted Cllr Alison Teal to suggest a visit to Sheffield

The TPT members will visit several iconic tree lined streets in the City. They will see firsthand many of the healthy trees under threat from the Council's plans to impose the felling of thousands of healthy trees simply to ensure uniform kerb lines and flat paths throughout Sheffield.

Cllr Alison Teal said, "We are delighted to welcome Trees Party Taiwan members to Sheffield to see our magnificent mature healthy street trees and to spread the news of our struggle to retain them further across the world."

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**Visit of Professor Peter Duinker** - Rebecca Hammond 07901 813175

### **Notes for Editors:**

The Trees Party Taiwan delegation has been in the UK to attend the Global Greens Congress, held in Liverpool on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Prof Duinker is based at School for Resource and Environmental Studies at Dalhousie University in Canada. **In addition to his research activities, he is** associate editor of Urban Forestry and Urban Greening, a refereed, international journal.

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**Professor Duinker's draft itinerary for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**The schedule is as follows:**

**11.30 – Nether Edge (over 225 threatened trees, including the Chelsea Road Elm)**

**12.15 – Rustlings Road**

**13.00 – lunch (unfortunately journalists will not be able to attend as it's a private invitation to lunch)**

**14.00 – Western Road (WW1 memorial trees)**

**14.45 – Rivelin Valley Road**

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