

WALES BIODIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

19th and 20th September 2018
National Museum Cardiff, Wales

The Wales Biodiversity Partnership conference this year takes place in the unique and inspiring setting of the National Museum Cardiff. A major event in the environment calendar, the conference is an opportunity for the biodiversity community in Wales to stocktake our current position on nature recovery, highlight key actions moving forward; and strengthen the links with well-being planning.

Featuring a Ministerial address from Environment Minister Hannah Blythyn AM, key note speakers, practitioner talks and workshops, the conference is a key tool in Wales' aspirations to enhance biodiversity and ecosystem resilience in Wales and an opportunity to develop nature recovery actions in combination with wider policy initiatives. Networking sessions and opportunities for collaboration and future partnerships are a central theme of the event.

Wales has unique legislation in place to deliver nature recovery and multiple benefits for our environment, economy, and society. The Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales, the Environment (Wales) Act and future land management reform post-Brexit are central to this approach. The Well-being of Future Generations Act provides a framework for decision-making in the delivery of multiple benefits to current and future generation through well-being planning which need to be reflected in our new approach. The approach sets out the links between environment, health and well-being and the opportunities and challenges which we can address through our plans and actions at multiple scales.

Who should attend?

Anyone with an interest in biodiversity and ecosystem action in Wales is welcome to attend to discuss, share ideas and collaborate. The conference is particularly useful for biodiversity and conservation representatives, statutory environmental bodies, academic representatives, agriculture and forestry representatives, health and wellbeing representatives, local authorities, local nature partnerships, local environmental record centres and wildlife recorders, third sector environmental organisations and volunteer groups and private sector environmental organisations.

BOOKING INFORMATION

Book your place now at www.biodiversitywales.org.uk
Delegates can attend on either or both days. Early booking is advised as places are limited
FREE EVENT

Planning your visit: Accommodation is to be booked by delegates independently. Further information [here](#).

Visit the WBP website for conference updates

WALES BIODIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE DRAFT PROGRAMME

DAY ONE : 19th September

National Museum Cardiff, Wales

Registration from 8:30, conference day 1 welcome 10:00

Day 1 chair: Terri Thomas, Welsh Government

Morning session of key note address, plenary talks and Ministerial address.

- Key note address – to be announced
- Minister for Environment, Hannah Blythyn AM
- Policy update. Peter McDonald, Welsh Government

Comfort break

- Powys Moorland Project. Duncan Sinclair, Powys Moorland Partnership
- Plenary talk – further details to be announced
- Living Seas Wales: Showcasing Wales' Marine Wildlife. Laura Evans, Living Seas Project, Wildlife Trust.
- Conservation Programme for arable plants. Colin Cheesman, Plantlife

Lunch

A selection of workshops and open discussions will be on offer including Area Statements; Section 6 developing a reporting framework; the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Evidence and Research Needs (BEERN) Programme; Future priorities for arable plant conservation; LIFE Raised Bogs project and field excursion

Refreshments

Series of plenary talks and closing address

- B-Lines – a Wales wide network connecting and restoring habitats for pollinators and other wildlife. Matt Shardlow, Buglife
- A Butterfly indicator for Wales. Russel Hobson, Butterfly Conservation
- A celebration of LIFE projects. Peter Jones, Natural Resources Wales

Close ~ 17.00

Join us for an EVENING NETWORKING RECEPTION in the National Museum Cardiff from 5.30. Canapes and drinks provided (charges apply for alcoholic drinks)



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DAY TWO : 20th September

National Museum Cardiff, Wales

Registration from 8:30, Conference day 2 welcome 9:20

Day 2 morning chair: Dr Richard Bevins, National Museum Wales

Morning session begins with key note address and plenary talks

- Key note address – speaker to be announced
- The Nature of Health. Malcolm Ward, Public Health Wales
- Measuring the Health and Wellbeing Impacts of Environmental Programmes using Health Impact Assessment: Case Studies from Wales. Nerys Edmonds, Public Health Wales
- Actif Woods Wales – improving health and wellbeing, developing confidence & learning woodland skills. Amie Andrews & Jane Baker, Small Woods.

Refreshments

A selection of workshops and open discussions will be on offer including Area Statements, Funding surgery, Engagement, Llais y Goedwig, Protecting wildlife through the Wales Clean Air Plan and field excursion

Lunch

Day 2 afternoon chair: Ant Rogers, Pembrokeshire Nature Partnership

Afternoon session with plenary talks and more

- Environment community youth engagement in the 21st Century. Francis Curran
- Influence of geology on biodiversity of the Brecon Beacons. Alan Bowring, Fforest Fawr Geopark
- Restoring native broadleaves and biodiversity on a planted ancient woodland site. Sue Price, Ruperra Conservation trust.
- Long Forest Project. Shane Hughes, Keep Wales Tidy.
- Further details to be announced

Conference close 15.15



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