Wales Biodiversity Partnership Conference

10-11th September 2014, Cardiff University, Penylan Campus

## ‘Nature Recovery Planning in Wales – implementation approach to 2020’

**Day 1 - 10th September**

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| Conference delegate registration | From 08:15 |
| Chair- Peter Matthews Natural Resources Wales | Conference opens 10:00 |
| Welsh Government Ministerial address | John Griffiths AM |
| **Nature Recovery Planning session** |  |
| Keynote: Prof Bill Sutherland, Cambridge University | Nature Recovery – effective conservation interventions |
| Dr Andy Fraser Welsh Government | Natural Resource Management in Wales – a fresh approach to policy, legislation and delivery |
| Ceri Davies and Patrick Green, Natural Resources Wales | Biodiversity:- building our capacity to deliver benefits for nature in Wales |
| Stephen Bladwell RSPB Cymru | State of Nature Wales – an assessment 1 year on |
| Panel discussion | Discussion & Q&A with all the morning presenters |

**Lunch 12:20- 13:30**

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| Conor Kretsch ,COHAB / University of Nottingham | Ecosystem restoration and human well-being - examples from the UK and Ireland |
| Dr Richard Unsworth, Swansea University | Understanding ecosystem services in the marine environment: The example of seagrass meadows |
| Sion Brackenbury, Director of Commons Vision | Swansea Nature Network:- Delivering for biodiversity and ecosystem resilience in Swansea |
| Soapbox: Alison Jones, Principal Ecologist Caerphilly County Borough Council. | Nature recovery planning- the role of local and regional partnerships |
| Refreshments | 14:45-15:00 |

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| **Workshops** –i)Nature Recovery Workshop, Welsh Government- Room 2 ii) Nature recovery and the ecosystem approach in Wales, Ecosystems Knowledge Network - Main Hall iii) How can the Welsh Government support capacity building? Welsh Government - Room 4 iv) Tackling invasive non-native species (INNS) in Wales via novel educational and community-focused approaches, University of South Wales- Room 3 v) The Oil beetle Hunt in Wales, Buglife -Room 1 |

**Close of Day 1 approximately 16:45**

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| **Networking Reception**-(optional).Reception hosted by Welsh Government: 18:00 – 19:25 |
| **Conference dinner**-(optional) Approximate timings: 19:30 – 22:30 |

**Day 2 -11th September**

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| Chair -Matthew Quinn Welsh Government | Day 2 opens at 09:00 (registrations from 08:15) |
| Feedback from Day 1 | Workshop reports from Day 1 |
| Keynote: Matt Shardlow Chief Executive Officer Buglife | All things small and beautiful – Introducing Buglife Cymru |
| Soapbox: Barbara Brown, Opal Community Scientist, Amgueddfa Cymru National Museum Wales Cardiff | The Open Air Laboratory; Open for Users in Wales |
| **Agri environment sub theme** |  |
| Kevin Austin, Welsh Government | Glastir: Rationale, progress to date and the way forward under the Rural Development Programme 2014-20 |
| Prof Davey Jones, Environment Centre Wales, Bangor University | Microbial biodiversity assessment of Welsh soils using a metabarcoding approach |
| Arwel Jones, Llŷn Landscape Partnership | Llŷn Landscape Partnership project |
| Panel discussion | Discussion Q&A with morning presenters |
| Refreshments | 11:05-11:10 |

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| **Workshops** -i) Restoring Ancient Woodland Sites in Wales - An urgency to start, but no rush to finish?  Woodland Trust – Main Hall ii) How can the Welsh Government support capacity building?  Welsh Government –Room 3 iii) Increasing LBAP action and engagement - experiences from Pembrokeshire, Pembrokeshire Biodiversity Partnership – Room 4 iv) The Opal Air Laboratory; A practical!  National Museum Wales – Room 1 v) Welsh Sea Watchers Project, Sea Watch Foundation – Room 2 |
| **Lunch 12:50 -13:50** |

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| Feedback from Day 2 | Workshop reports from Day 2 |
| Mike Howe, Natural Resources Wales | Rejuvenation of Welsh Dunes |
| John Harold, Cymdeithas Eryri - Snowdonia Society | Montane Heath - a critical piece of the upland puzzle |
| Madeleine Havard, Natural Resources Wales Board member | Conference reflections and summary |
| Chairs closing remarks |  |
| Close | Approximate timing: 15:20 |