

## Peatland Programme

### **IUCN UK Peatland Programme Conference 2019 - [TICKET SALES NOW OPEN](#) Peatlands: Investing in the Future, 1st - 3rd October 2019, Belfast**

**This, the 9th in our conference series, celebrates the 10th year of the IUCN UK Peatland Programme partnership.**

The conference presents an opportunity for policy makers, scientists, land managers, practitioners, businesses and communicators to connect and share their knowledge, expertise and enthusiasm for peatlands.

Across the 3 days knowledge exchange & networking opportunities include:

- A programme of professional presentations from across the peatland community;
- Formal Networking evening, Stormont Parliament buildings, *Tuesday 1st October, 2019*;
- Evening Reception & Poster Exhibition, Europa Hotel, Belfast, *Wednesday 2nd October, 2019*;
- Delegate designed workshops and project-led sessions to discuss key issues;
- Fantastic field trips

### [Book Tickets](#)

#### FAQs

#### **Ticket availability:**

**3 day ticket (£304.99)** entitles you access to:

*On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October:*

- A series of plenary lectures by notable speakers from across the peatland community and beyond.

*On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October:*

- A place on one of a selection of field trips showcasing and sharing learning about peatland conservation on the ground.
- A poster exhibition with complimentary conference beverage
- An informal networking evening with hot fork buffet

*On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:*

- Parallel sessions on topics within the themes of: Prioritising research & evidence; Engaging with key stakeholders at a practical & strategic level; Conservation & management – emerging ideas & current challenges.

Lunch & refreshments on all 3 days

A Conference pack including printed conference programme

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**3 day early bird tickets (£240)** entitles you access to the same as a standard 3 day ticket (as above).

100 early bird tickets are available on a first come, first served basis after which tickets will be available at a full price of £304.99.

**3 day concessional tickets (£150)** entitles you access to the same as a standard 3 day ticket (as above).

A limited number of concessional tickets are available for people 25 years and under, retired or unemployed. Please note there are a limited number of Concessional tickets available which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. An email address must be provided so the IUCN UK Peatland Programme team can contact you to verify your concession. If we are unable to verify your ticket we will issue a refund minus the payment processing fee.

### **Formal Networking Evening, including dinner (£55)** *Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October*

Hosted this year at Stormont Parliament building the evening will include a drinks reception, mini-tours of the Chambers, a three course meal and transport to and from the Europa Hotel, Belfast. This conference networking evening, including dinner, provides an opportunity to broaden the reach of conference participation beyond the main programme of professional presentations, field visits and exhibits. It also provides an opportunity for business to find out more about the role of peatlands in helping people and saving our planet The evening will showcase locally sourced sustainable produce where possible and celebrate the cultural connections of people with peatlands. Dress code: smart casual.

**A limited number of Individual Day tickets (£100)** are also available.

[Please progress to the ticket booking page for more information.](#)

Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. The 3 day conference ticket includes access to the full event from 09:30 on Tuesday 1st October to 15:30 on Thursday 3rd October however does not include access to the Formal Networking evening (including dinner) on Tuesday 1st October at Stormont Parliament Buildings. A limited number of Early Bird and Concessional tickets are available. Individual day tickets are also available.

Tickets to the Formal Networking evening (including dinner) are available to purchase separately. There will be a dedicated meeting place at the Europa for delegates not wishing to purchase a ticket for dinner on Tuesday evening.

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### Accommodation:

Accommodation is not included in conference ticket booking. Delegates are responsible for booking their own accommodation.

As the conference hub, the Europa Hotel, Belfast have provided a discount code for conference delegates should they wish to book their accommodation at the Europa. Single occupancy rooms including breakfast are available at £110 per night, Double occupancy rooms including breakfast are available at £120 per night. Please note this room rate is available with a delegate discount code only and must be booked with the Europa Hotel, Belfast directly. The discount code and details to book at the Europa Hotel, Belfast is provided in the Confirmation Email once you have purchased your conference ticket. Room booking availability at the Europa Hotel Belfast can not be guaranteed past 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

Alternative accommodation options can be found through Visit Belfast:

<https://visitbelfast.com/stay/>

### Field Trip information *Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October*

Field trip options include: the largest area of intact blanket bog in Northern Ireland and RAMSAR site (Garron Plateau); an intact lowland raised bog (Ballynahone Bog); a reserve of wooded hills, regenerating cut-over bog and uncut remnant of a much more extensive bog (Peatlands Park); a Cross-border Global Geopark with a boardwalk across the bog (Cuilcagh) and an active raised bog at the centre of the local community which hosted three 'Day on the Bog' festivals (Killconny Bog). Further details about the focus of discussions and opportunity to submit your preferences will be sent via email.

### Will photographs or videos be taken at the event?

Photographs and footage will be taken throughout the conference. These will be used by the IUCN UK Peatland Programme for marketing and publicity in our publications, on our website and in social media or in any third party publication.

**Please contact [info@iucn.org.uk](mailto:info@iucn.org.uk) if you have any concerns or if you wish to be exempt from this activity.** Please feel free to share highlights, pictures and thoughts about the conference on social media using the conference #UKPeatConf19

### Are there ID or minimum age requirements to enter the event?

The Conference is open to delegates aged 18 years and over.

### **What are my transport/parking options for getting to and from the event?**

Please see <https://visitbelfast.com/plan/getting-to-belfast-travel-options/> & <https://www.hastingshotels.com/europa-belfast/faq.html>

### **What can I bring into the event?**

There is opportunity through-out the conference to exhibit a poster or have an exhibition stand if booked in advance. You can request to present a poster or exhibit during the ticket registration process. We will confirm exhibitor allocations 30 days before the conference.

**Please note:** you must be available to present your poster or exhibit during the evening session on Wednesday 2nd October.

### **How can I contact the organiser with any questions?**

Please email [info@iucn.org.uk](mailto:info@iucn.org.uk) with any queries.

### **What's the refund policy?**

Refunds are only available up to 30 days before the event. After the 31st August tickets are non-refundable unless the event is cancelled. Refunds will include the ticket price less the Eventbrite fees (which consists of the payment processing fee and the service fee combined) with two exceptions. Eventbrite will refund fees if the event is cancelled or if the buyer has been charged multiple times in error and requests a refund within 7 days of purchase. If the event is cancelled, refunds will be for the entire purchase—that includes the ticket price and the Eventbrite fees.

### **Do I have to bring my printed ticket to the event?**

Please bring a digital or paper copy of your ticket to the event. A delegate list will also be present at the Conference Registration desk should you forget your ticket.

### **Can I update my registration information?**

There is opportunity to edit your registration details at a later date however please be aware that any changes made after the 30th August may not be accommodated.

The deadline for suggestions for break-out sessions (Day 1) and parallel sessions (Day 3) is Friday 2nd August.

**Is it ok if the name on my ticket or registration doesn't match the person who attends?**



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Yes but you must inform [info@iucn.org.uk](mailto:info@iucn.org.uk) of any discrepancies for security purposes.