

# DAY 1

TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

**Creating a lasting structure in a changing world, securing the future of UK peatlands and the benefits they provide**

11:30 AM REGISTRATION OPENS

1:30 PM **WELCOME**

**Welcome to the conference**

Jonathan Hughes, Chair of IUCN UK Peatland Programme

**Ministerial address (by video)**

Thérèse Coffey MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

**A Natural England perspective**

Alan Law, Chief Strategy & Reform Officer for Natural England

**UK Peatland Strategy**

Clifton Bain, Director of IUCN UK Peatland Programme

**UK peatlands in a global context - our international obligations**

Marcel Silvius, Head of Programme & Strategy at Wetlands International

**The future of peatlands in a post 'Brexit' landscape**

Martin Harper, Conservation Director of RSPB

**Panel discussion**

Chaired by Jonathan Hughes, Chair of IUCN UK Peatland Programme and including Nicola Riley, Head of Soils, Peatlands and Uplands for Defra

3:10 PM **BREAK**

3:40 PM **THE EVIDENCE BASE**

Chaired by Rob Stoneman, Vice Chair of IUCN UK Peatland Programme

**Monitoring**

Ian Crosher, Soils, Peat & Climate Adaptation at Natural England  
Rebekka Artz, Ecological Sciences at James Hutton Institute

**Quantifying peatland benefits**

Chris Evans, Biogeochemist at Centre for Ecology & Hydrology  
David Stroud, Senior Ornithologist at JNCC  
Emma Shuttleworth, University of Manchester

**Sustainable land management**

Simon Thorp, Director of Heather Trust  
David Chapman, Chair of Peak District National Park Authority  
Peter Melchett, Policy Director of Soil Association

6:00 PM **ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVENING SETTING**

**Poster session (including buffet dinner and networking)**

# DAY 2

WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

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8:00 AM BREAKFAST (ALL INCLUSIVE TICKETS ONLY)

9:30 AM **WELCOME**

**Welcome**

Emma Goodyer, Programme Manager of IUCN UK Peatland Programme

9:35 AM **THE EVIDENCE BASE CONT.**

**Peatland restoration**

Roxane Andersen, Research Fellow at University of Highlands & Islands

Tim Thom, Regional Manager at Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Richard Lindsay, Head of Environmental & Conservation Research at University of East London

10:10 AM **BREAK**

10:30 AM **DEPART FOR FIELD TRIP**

**Field Trip A: Cholmondley Estate**

Matt Jones, Shropshire Wildlife Trust

**Field Trip B: Fenn's, Whixall & Bettisfield Mosses National Nature Reserve**

Joan Daniels & Peter Bowyer, Natural England

**Field Trip C: Lake Vyrnwy**

Mike Walker & Jane Birch, RSPB

**Field Trip D: Wybunbury Moss National Nature Reserve**

Rupert Randall, Natural England

5:30 PM RETURN TO SHREWSBURY TOWN CENTRE

7:30 PM **CONFERENCE DINNER**

7:45 PM **Welcome**

Clifton Bain, Director of IUCN UK Peatland Programme

7:50 PM **Welcome to Shropshire**

Colin Preston, Chief Executive of Shropshire Wildlife Trust

9:30 PM **Evening entertainment**

11:30 PM **DAY TWO CLOSE**

# DAY 3

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8:00 AM BREAKFAST (ALL INCLUSIVE TICKETS ONLY)

9:00 AM **WELCOME**

### Setting the scene

IUCN UK Peatland Programme

#### **BENEFITS**

#### **MONITORING**

#### **MANAGEMENT**

#### **RESTORATION**

#### **COMMUNICATION**

9:15 AM **WORKSHOP 1**

#### **Climate change & carbon**

Chris Evans, Centre for Ecology & Hydrology  
Indra Thillainathan, Committee on Climate Change

#### **Biodiversity**

Mark Hancock, RSPB  
James Pearce-Higgins, BTO  
Mike Pilkington, Moors for the Future  
Scott Shanks, Buglife

#### **A working landscape**

Stephen Corcoran, Cairngorms National Park  
Matt Jones, Shropshire Wildlife Trust  
Liz Lewis-Reddy, Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust

#### **A solution to clean water**

David Smith, South West Water  
Andrew Walker, Yorkshire Water

#### **Public perception**

Olly Watts, RSPB  
Julia Martin-Ortega, University of Leeds  
Ian Rotherham, Sheffield Hallam University

10:20 AM **WORKSHOP 2**

#### **Managing water**

Jon Walker, Moors for the Future  
Rob Twiggs, Moors for the Future  
Richard Lindsay, University of East London

#### **Land use**

Lydia Cole, Rezatec  
Mark Brown, Yorkshire Peat Partnership  
Tia Crouch, Moors for the Future  
Jennifer Williamson, Centre for Ecology & Hydrology

#### **Carbon**

Judith Stuart, Defra  
Andreas Heinemeyer, University of York  
Ross Morrison, Centre for Ecology & Hydrology

#### **Innovative methodology**

Tim Thom, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust  
Simon Thomas, Cumbria Wildlife Trust  
Brendon Wittram, Moors for the Future  
Douglas Campbell & Matt Watson, Strath Caulaidh

#### **Making an impact**

Mark Reed, University of Newcastle  
Rosmarie Katrin Neumann, Fast Track Impact Ltd

11:20 AM **BREAK**

11:50 AM **WORKSHOP 3**

#### **Biodiversity**

Peter Jones, Natural Resources Wales  
John Dunbavin, Natural England  
Rob Stoneman, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

#### **Carbon**

Don Monteith, Centre for Ecology & Hydrology  
Jens-Arne Subke, University of Stirling

#### **Valuing peatland services**

Chris Woodley-Stewart, North Pennines AONB Partnership  
Ian Dickie, EFTEC

#### **A sustainable landscape**

Stuart Brooks, John Muir Trust  
Mark McCorry, Bord Na Móna  
Russell Anderson, Forest Research  
Simon Thorp, Heather Trust  
Philippe Frankard, DEMNA/SPA

#### **Community engagement**

Morag Angus, Exmoor Mires Partnership  
Jenny Middlehurst, Flows to the Future  
Sarah Proctor, Moors for the Future

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12:50 PM LUNCH BREAK

**BENEFITS      MONITORING      MANAGEMENT      RESTORATION      COMMUNICATION**

1:50 PM WORKSHOP 4

**Delivering the funding**

Paul Vaight & Jillian Hoy, IUCN UK Peatland Programme  
Adams Koshy, EFTEC  
Pat Snowdon, Forestry Commission  
James Byrne, Wildlife Trusts Wales

**Water**

Richard Lindsay, University of East London  
Rob Low, Rigare

**Looking after our natural resources**

Andrew Moxey, Pareto Consulting  
Paul Sinnadurai, Brecon Beacons National Park Authority  
James Skates, Welsh Assembly

**Locking up carbon in the fens**

Anke Nordt, Greifswald University  
Lorna Parker, Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire  
Richard Archer, RSPB

**Engaging with the Commission of Inquiry**

Emma Goodyer & Joanna Richards, IUCN UK Peatland Programme

2:50 PM BREAK

3:10 PM VISION FOR THE FUTURE

**Progressing forwards**

Tony Juniper

**What it all means for us**

Stuart Brooks, Chair of IUCN UK National Committee  
Rob Stoneman, Vice Chair of IUCN UK Peatland Programme

**Achievements: Peatland restoration & research in the UK**

Slideshow

**Closing remarks**

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**CONFERENCE CLOSE**

4:00 PM

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