

## Conference Programme

**Annual UK Biodiversity Partnership Conference**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11th September 2008**  
**Aberystwyth University**

### **Delivering for Nature** **Biodiversity – a keystone of Sustainable Development**

#### **Objectives**

- Stimulate interest in a topical theme – in this case, the integration of biodiversity into sustainable development;
- Increase understanding of each other's work in order to build a strong common purpose and a vision of how our work contributes to it;
- Build enthusiasm in the partnership by celebrating our collective achievements together;
- Identify the challenges we face and what we need to do to rise to them.

#### **Day 1**

- 08.30 Set up of exchange fair displays
- 09.00 Optional field trip to local project
- 10.30 Registration & refreshments, Penbryn Building
- 12.00 Lunch, Upper Dining Room, Penbryn Building
- 13.00 **Chairman's Welcome and Introduction** John Robbs, Director, Wildlife & Countryside Directorate and Chair of the UK Biodiversity Partnership Standing Committee A12 Lecture Theatre, Hugh Owen Building
- 13.05 **Ministerial Address** Jane Davidson - Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing, Welsh Assembly Government
- 13.15 **[Convention on Biological Diversity and Countdown 2010](#)**  
Eric Blencowe, Defra (15 mins + 10 mins Q & A)
- 13.40 **Business & Biodiversity Offsets Program** Kerry ten Kate, Forest Trends (15 mins + 10 mins Q & A)
- 14.05 **[Introduction to Living Landscapes](#)** Colin Preston, CEO Shropshire Wildlife Trusts, followed by Clive Faulkner, Conservation Manager, Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust – **[The Pumlumon Project](#)** (10 mins + 10 mins + 10 mins Q & A)
- 14.35 Refreshments, Upper Dining Room, Penbryn Building
- 15.00 Workshop Session 1 (5-10 mins intro + discussion)  
See Workshop Session sheet for location details, Hugh Owen Building
- 16.15 Exchange Fair/refreshments, Upper Dining Room, Penbryn Building
- 17.30 Close
- 19.00 Evening Reception hosted by Welsh Assembly Government Penbryn Building

## Day 2

- 08.30 Registration (opportunity to re-visit exchange fair) Penbryn Building
- 09.00 **Chairman's Welcome to Day 2**  
Matthew Quinn, Director, Department for Environment, Sustainability and Housing A12 Lecture Theatre, Hugh Owen Building
- 09.05 **The forward process for the UK List of Priority Species & Habitats**  
Paul Rose, Joint Nature Conservation Committee (10 mins)
- 09.15 **Country Group Update - Wales** Liz Howe, CCW (10 mins)
- 09.25 **Country Group Update - NI** Ken Bradley, DOENI (10 mins)
- 09.35 **Country Group Update - Scotland** Greg Mudge, SNH (10 mins)
- 09.45 **Country Group Update - England** Pete Brotherton, NE (10 mins)
- 09.55 Refreshments, Penbryn Building
- 10.25 Return to Lecture Theatre A12, Hugh Owen Building
- 10.30 **Biodiversity Benchmark Scheme** Amy Mulkern, Partnerships Development Manager, Wildlife Trusts Wales and Howard Park, Biodiversity Benchmark Marketing Manager, Wildlife Trusts (15 mins + 10 mins Q & A)
- 10.55 **The NERC Biodiversity Duty** Joanna Robertson, Countryside Council for Wales & **Local Authority Biodiversity Indicator** David Knight, Natural England (5 mins + 10 mins + 10 mins Q & A)
- 11.20 Workshop Session 2 (10 min intro + discussion)  
See Workshop Session sheet for location details, Hugh Owen Building
- 12.45 Lunch, Upper Dining Room, Penbryn Building
- 13.50 Welcome back by Chairman, A12 Lecture Theatre, Hugh Owen Building
- 13.55 **Summary of workshop outputs** David Parker, Director of Science, Countryside Council for Wales (15 mins)
- 14.10 **Raising the profile of biodiversity in local government – the 'Local Action for Biodiversity' project** Sue Timms, Nature Conservation Officer, Leicester City Council and Gavin Fletcher, Senior Conservation Officer, Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire (10 mins + 10 mins Q & A)
- 14.30 **Wildlife and Countryside Link perspective** Martin Harper (Head of Sustainability, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) (10 mins + 10 mins Q & A)
- 14.50 Chairman's closing remarks
- 15.00 Close