



# The Severn Estuary Forum Programme

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**09:30 Registration and Refreshments**

**10:00** Welcome and Housekeeping - John Harrison, outgoing Severn Estuary Partnership Chair

**10:05** Welcome to Cardiff - Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change

## **10:20 Session One- Delivering the Severn Estuary**

**Strategy** *Chaired by Dr Emma McKinley, Cardiff University*

**10:25** Severn Vision - Beccy MacDonald Lofts

**10:40** Rhymney Great Wharf Habitat Restoration Polders Enhancement Project - Chloe James, Natural Resources Wales

**10:55** Eagle Reintroduction Wales (ERW) - Restoring White-tailed Eagles to Southeast Wales and the Severn Estuary - Sophie-Lee Williams, ERW

**11:10** Coastal communities - sustainable growth & nature recovery in the Vale of Glamorgan - Liz Hancocks, Natural Resources Wales

**11:25 Panel Debate**

**12:00 Refreshments**

## **13:00 Session Two - Planning For The Future**

*Chaired by John Buttivant, Environment Agency*

**13:05** Severn Estuary Partnership Update - Alys Morris, Partnership Manager

**13:10** Bristol Port - Planning for the Future, Challenges and Opportunities - John Chaplin, Bristol Port Company

**13:25** Bridgwater Tidal Barrier - Nigel Bennetts, Environment Agency



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**13:40** A National Framework for Coastal Coordination:  
Building the infrastructure for integrated  
coastal management around the UK and  
supporting Coastal and Estuary Partnerships -  
Amy Pryor, Coastal Partnerships Network

**13:55** Panel Debate

**14:15** Refreshments

## **15:15** Session Three - State Of The Severn Estuary

*Chaired by Dr Rupert Perkins, Cardiff University*

**15:20** Coastal Monitoring Programmes in the Severn Estuary - Gwyn Nelson, Wales  
Coastal Monitoring Centre and Emerald Siggery, South West Coastal  
Monitoring Centre

**15:35** Tracking Fish in the Bristol Channel - David Clarke, Swansea University

**15:50** MoRPh Estuaries Pro: a modular approach to assessing estuary condition -  
Ryan Smith - Queen Mary University of London

**16:10** Natural England Severn Estuary Saltmarsh Analysis Project  
- Olivia Beatty, Natural England

**16:25** Panel Debate

## **16:45** Session Four - Keynote - Future Partnership Working

*Chaired by Dr Emma McKinley, Cardiff University*

**The Importance of Partnership Working for the Coast and Ocean - Peter  
Davies, Chair of Wales Coast and Seas Partnership**

**17:10** Final Thoughts - Alys Morris, Severn Estuary Partnership Manager

**17:15** Forum Close

**Drinks Reception**



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