

Our Speakers

**Sophie-
Lee
Williams**

Eagle Reintroduction
Wales

Dr Sophie Lee-Williams is a raptor biologist and founder of Eagle Reintroduction Wales which was established as part of her PhD at Cardiff University. Sophie now is employed by Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust and is the White-tailed Eagle Project Officer for Wales. Her job is to use her research to inform, plan and implement a White-tailed Eagle Restoration Programme in Wales.

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John is a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers. After working in consultancy and contracting John joined The Bristol Port Company in 2000. He was promoted to the position of Director of Engineering in 2003 and subsequently to the Director with responsibility for External Affairs and the delivery of major schemes.

**John
Chaplin**

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**Chloë
James**

Natural Resources
Wales

Chloë works on the Rhymney Great Wharf Habitat Restoration Polders Enhancement Project. This project is following on from a feasibility report that was completed in 2020, which looked at the potential for restoring saltmarsh between Peterstone and the mouth of the river Rhymney, where the Rhymney Great Wharf resides. This project will involve the extension and repair of the polder fencing which currently exists at the frontage, but they will be trialling different designs and monitoring the site to determine which design combination yields the most success.

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Emerald is Team Leader at the South West Coastal Monitoring Programme and Programme representative for North Devon, Somerset and the Severn Estuary. Their focus is delivering a standard, repeatable and cost effective method of monitoring the coastal environment over the long term, along the entire South West Coast of England.

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Gwyn worked in commercial coastal survey for 15 years, largely on nearshore vessels in the UK and abroad before progressing into an office role. Gwyn gained experience in project and business support management before moving to the WCMC and has enjoyed the challenges of establishing a Coastal Monitoring Centre in Wales since 2019.

**Gwyn
Nelson**

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Amy Pryor

Coastal Partnerships
Network

Amy is a marine and aquatic scientist with over 20 years of experience in the field of marine and coastal management, stakeholder engagement and system level strategic project design. Amy excels at 'joining the dots' to design integrated, cross-cutting and multi benefit projects with a healthy marine and estuarine environment as the driver and successfully secures grant funding to support this work. She designs and manages a wide portfolio of projects that bring together different sectors across the land/sea interface and across socio-economic and environmental drivers e.g. flood and coastal risk, intertidal and inshore marine habitat creation, fish migration routes, catchment to coastal management (wholescape approach), coastal communities, fisheries, open access environmental data, training and skills and knowledge exchange. Amy works within several collaborations nationally and internationally and leads the national Coastal Partnerships Network to ensure that best practice approaches and resources developed by Coastal and Estuary Partnerships can be shared between them and other coastal and marine practitioners around the UK for improving coastal and estuarine management.

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Ryan graduated with an MSc in Water and Environmental Management in 2021, following his BSc in Environmental Science (2017-20) - both from Queen Mary University of London, where he specialised in Fluvial Geomorphology. Currently, Ryan is a Research Assistant at Queen Mary, working with the Modular River Survey team to develop MoRPh Estuaries Pro, a physical habitat assessment and monitoring tool. Ryan is also involved in an ongoing research project undertaking a regional risk screening of historic coastal landfill sites in the South East of England, ranking them by their potential pollution risk. As an intern with the Environment Agency in 2019, Ryan contributed to the 2020 Monitoring Review of the Thames Estuary 2100 Project.

**Ryan
Smith**

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Dr David Clarke is a fishery researcher at Swansea University looking at fish migration in both freshwater and marine environments as well as genetic stock identification and assignment modelling.

He has more than 30 years' experience working for government, and the Environment Agency and its predecessors, including 5 years as EA Head of Fisheries and a period as an EA Director.

The paper will discuss tracking of Atlantic salmon smolts, sea trout smolts and adults and twaite shad in the Bristol channel, as well as future plans for tracking rays, spurdog and Atlantic herring.

**David
Clarke**

Swansea University

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**Beccy
MacDonald
-Lofts**

Independent
Consultant

Beccy is a marine and coastal specialist, working across sectors to support the enhancement of coastal communities and their marine and coastal environments. At the forum Beccy will be presenting on behalf of the Vision Steering Group for whom she acted as the Lead Consultant on the recent Continuing the Bristol Channel and Severn Vision funded by the Environment Agency's Championing Coastal Coordination Fund (2022-23) via Somerset Wildlife Trust and the Welsh Government's Coastal Capacity Challenge Fund (2022-23), administered by WCVA via Monmouthshire LNP and Gwent Wildlife Trust

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Liz has experience as work for the South Central Area Statement as the Building Resilient Ecosystems theme lead. Her current work focus is resilient ecological networks, also known as nature networks, and building and supporting partnerships to deliver nature recovery at a landscape scale.

**Elizabeth
Hancocks**

Natural Resources
Wales

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**Olivia
Beatty**

Natural England

Olivia Beatty is a Marine Advisor for Natural England who's patch covers the Severn Estuary, where her primary work stream focuses on casework, generating positive engagement with the estuary through communications, project work (including the saltmarsh survey), conservation advice and condition assessment work as well as sitting on the Severn Estuary Partnership.

Twitter: @NaturalEngland

Nigel Bennetts, senior user for the Environment Agency on the delivery of the Bridgwater Tidal Barrier scheme. A chartered civil engineer primarily focussed on fluvial and coastal flood risk management. Previously project manager on West Bay Coastal Improvements and senior user on Steart Coastal Management Project.

**Nigel
Bennetts**

Environment Agency

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Peter's career background before returning home to Wales was in the field of corporate responsibility working for the Confederation of British Industry, Department of Trade and Industry and Business in the Community. After returning home to Wales in 2005 he was appointed Commissioner for Wales and Vice Chair of the UK Sustainable Development Commission, providing independent advice to the Welsh and UK Governments.

**Peter
Davies**

Wales Coast and Seas
Partnership

In April 2011 he was appointed as Sustainable Futures Commissioner, where he played a lead role in the development of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act. He was also appointed to be the first independent chair of the Climate Change Commission for Wales in 2011 and carrying out this role through to March 2016.

Peter currently chairs Welsh Water's Customer Challenge Group, Community Energy Pembrokeshire, The Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development and he is also Community Custodian for River Simple.

In 2012 Peter was asked by the Minister to chair a marine stakeholder group to review the process on Marine Conservation Zones. This developed into the Marine Action and Advisory Group and latterly Coasts and Seas Partnership. He is now stepping down from this chairing role after 11 years with the Ministerial appointment of a Chair to take the work forward.

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As a Reader in Environmental and Marine Geography at Cardiff University, Dr Rhoda Ballinger has extensive experience of applied research, interdisciplinary coastal projects across Europe. As the new Chair of the Severn Estuary Partnership she is looking forward to building on this experience as well as her long-term involvement with the Partnership and other coastal networks.

**Dr Rhoda
Ballinger**

Cardiff University and
Chair of SEP

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