



The Severn Estuary Forum Programme

3rd July, Weston-super-Mare



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09:30 Registration and Refreshments

10:00 Welcome and Housekeeping - Dr Rhoda Ballinger, Severn Estuary Partnership Chair

10:05 Welcome to Weston-super-Mare, Cllr Annemieke Waite

10:10 The Severn Estuary at 30: Where We've Been & Where We're Going

10:25 **Session One: Protecting the Severn for the Future - How we Manage the Estuary's Natural Heritage**

Chaired by Ffion Mitchell-Langford, Marine Conservation Society

10:30 In Awre of River Severn Saltmarsh - Clare Dinnis, WWT: The Charity for Wetlands and Wildlife

10:45 Somerset Coast, Levels & Moors Nature Recovery Project - Simon Phelps, Natural England

11:00 Bathing Water Quality on the English coast of the Severn Estuary - Richard Acornley, Environment Agency

11:15 Facilitating Accelerated Nature Networks for Seagrass - Emma Fox, Project Seagrass

11:30 Panel and Q&A

11:45 Refreshments

12:15 **Session Two: Changing Severn - Exploring Major Developments Shaping the Estuary's Future**

Chaired by David Tudor, Ocean and Coastal Futures & Pelagos

12:20 Severn Estuary Tidal Energy - William Mansfield, West of England Combined Authority and Cardiff Capital Region

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- 12:35 What the Nature Restoration Fund might mean for Recreational Disturbance - Marc Turner, Natural England
- 12:50 Bristol Wind Terminal and Steart - John Chaplin, The Bristol Port Company
- 13:00 Birnbeck Pier - Past and Future - Rachel Lewis, North Somerset Council
- 13:15 Panel and Q&A
- 13:30 Lunch
- 14:30 Keynote Address - Lizzie Daly - Exploring the Estuary: A Naturalist's Perspective
- 15:00 Session Three: Community, Culture & Waterways - Celebrating the People, Stories, and Communities of the Severn
Chaired by Simon Bunn, North Somerset Council
- 15:05 Ocean Literacy across the Estuary: Y Mor a Ni and a Strategy for England - Dr Emma McKinley, Cardiff University
- 15:20 Reflections on Walking the Severn Shores - Dr Rhoda Ballinger, Cardiff University
- 15:35 The Five Billion Year Old Surfer. Waves, Water, Wisdom - Stuart Ballard, Severn Rivers Trust
- 15:50 This Stolen Land: The Gwent Levels in Oral History - Marsha O'Mahony, Living Levels
- 16:05 Panel and Q&A
- 16:20 Final thoughts - Rhoda Ballinger
- 16:30 Forum Close,
Drinks and Reception





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