

Wales Environmental Leadership Conference

8th February

International Politics Building, Aberystwyth University

1:30 Registration

2:00 Welcome and introduction from Peter Davies

2:10-3:40 Panel 1: Can Wales become an international environmental knowledge producer?

This panel aims to identify research that is relevant to strengthening the position of Wales as a global knowledge producer in international environmental politics. Panellists will present their research and indicate its relevance for strengthening Wales' leadership role.

Chair: Neil Glasser

Discussant: Diana Reynolds

1. Chris Thomas (IBERS, Aberystwyth University)

Environment and malaria transmission in sub Saharan Africa

2. Steven Fish, Mike Morris, Edward Hodgson, Elaine Jensen (IBERS, Aberystwyth University)

BEACON Biorefining in Wales. A partnership between Aberystwyth, Bangor and Swansea Universities

3. Gwenith Hughes (WISE, IBERS, Aberystwyth & Bangor University)

WISE network: sustainable business and development

4. Hannah Hughes (Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University)

The IPCC and the power of knowledge in the climate field

5. Kevin Grove (IGES, Aberystwyth University)

Governing Social and Ecological Contingency: Exploring the Political and Ethical Possibilities for Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Research

3:40-4 Tea and coffee

4-5:30 Panel 2: Can Wales become an international environmental actor? How can environmental policy practices and community action support and facilitate Wales as a global environmental actor?

Wales' capacity to act as a role model internationally depends on its ability to integrate between local, national and global environmental practices in Wales. This panel will explore the nature of the relationship between these different communities of environmental activity and identify the barriers impeding the creation of a sustainable Wales. The panel will also assess the political and constitutional basis for Wales' position in international environmental politics.

Chair: Mike Woods
Discussant: Jane Davidson

1. Katherine Jones (IGES, Aberystwyth University)
Mainstreaming the Alternative: Making space for low impact development in the Welsh countryside
2. Jane Powell (Organic Centre Wales, IBERS, Aberystwyth University)
Transformative education for a sustainable food system
3. Elin Royles (Institute of Welsh Politics, Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University)
A leader in a changing world? Welsh climate change policy
4. Engobo Emseh and Catrin Fflur Huws (Department of Law and Criminology, Aberystwyth University)
Wales, law and climate change
5. Sara Penrhyn Jones (Department of Theatre, Film and Television Studies, Aberystwyth University)
Connecting the Local and Global: engaging the public imagination in Wales and beyond

5:30-6:00 Tea and coffee

6-7:30 Public Event: Can Wales become an international environmental leader? And if it can, how can the academic, policy and NGO communities contribute and work together in creating and sustaining an environmentally sound Wales?

Peter Davies (Sustainable Futures Commissioner and Chair of Climate Change Commission for Wales)

Matthew Quinn (Director of Department for the Environment, Sustainability and Housing)

Professor Mike Hambrey (Institutional Director for the Climate Change Consortium of Wales (C3W), Aberystwyth University)

Michael Butterfield (Chief Executive Officer for [Llangattock Green Valleys](#))

Chair: Professor Lynda Warren (Non-executive director to Wales' new single environment body, Aberystwyth University)

This is a public event. The aim of this event is to bring together the different communities of environmental practice in one panel to discuss the future of Wales as an international environmental actor. The panellists, covering international negotiating processes, domestic policy, academic practice and community activism will provide an overview of Wales' position in international environmental negotiating processes and the domestic action and research underpinning this. Looking beyond the image of Wales as an environmental leader, speakers will be asked to identify the environmental policy and everyday action required to build an environmentally sound and sustainable nation and to highlight how broader participation within and across these communities of practice can facilitate a leadership role.