

Member Training

Provider/Course	Date & Time	Location	Costs	Attendee Requests
NI Environment Forum Conference	18 th April 24	Belfast	cost £245 + vat Travel	

Northern Ireland Environment Forum



Thursday 18th April 2024
Europa Hotel, Belfast

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Northern Ireland Environment Forum

The Northern Ireland Environment Forum, organised by agendaNi, is Northern Ireland's major conference on environmental policy and management.

The Forum provides an important opportunity for all the key players in the environment sector to come together for a day of discussion and networking. Alongside visiting experts, the Northern Ireland Environment Forum will be addressed by the key people in Northern Ireland's environmental policy landscape.

Northern Ireland's first Climate Action Plan is currently being developed which will cover the period 2023 to 2027. This is part of the draft Green Growth Strategy, which is a long-term vision balancing climate, environment, and the economy. The Climate Action Plan will set out how we intend to achieve the carbon budget for this period and the overall emissions reduction targets as stated in the Climate Change Act (Northern Ireland) 2022.

The biodiversity crisis continues to worsen, an urgent need to protect and restore nature in Northern Ireland and globally. The total number of species on the priority list was 594 at the end of January 2023. Progress is also being made to transition our economy into one that is circular and sustainable.

With challenges facing the environment both locally and globally, the Forum will be of interest to attendees representing all the main sectors with an interest in Northern Ireland's environment at this pivotal time for the sector.



Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities

There are only a small number of opportunities remaining to get involved with the Northern Ireland Environment Forum as a sponsor or exhibitor. Sponsorship underlines leadership status and helps profile an organisation's activities and expertise within the sector. It is also often a springboard into the networking and informal strategic discussions from which major business opportunities arise. In exchange for sponsorship support the sponsor will receive an attractive package of benefits designed to maximise their organisation's profile in front of this senior audience and leave a lasting impression upon the key decision-makers in attendance.

Contact **Fiona McCarthy** on 028 9261 9933 or email fiona.mccarthy@agendani.com for further information on how to feature your organisation at the conference.

Key themes for the Northern Ireland Environment Forum 2024

- ✓ Policy priorities for Northern Ireland's environment;
- ✓ Meeting the challenge of climate change: Adaptation and mitigation;
- ✓ Biodiversity for business;
- ✓ Air quality and other strategic issues;
- ✓ Creating a circular economy;
- ✓ ESG and sustainability;
- ✓ Water quality and waste water treatment;
- ✓ The relationship between public health and the environment;
- ✓ Environment and planning.



Conference programme

08.30 Conference registration and morning coffee

09.00 Chairman's welcome and introduction: **Louise Cullen**, Agriculture and Environment Correspondent, **BBC News NI**

09.05 CONFERENCE PLENARY

Tackling climate change

Tracey Teague, Deputy Secretary, Climate Change, Science and Innovation Group (CCSIG)
Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)

Protecting the environment for future generations

Dame Glenys Stacey, Chair, **The Office for Environmental Protection (The OEP)**

Trends in environmental law and challenges

Faye Phillips, Senior Associate, **Carson McDowell**

The role of public sector leadership in tackling the nature and climate emergencies

Sarah Jennings, Director of Communications, Customer and Commercial, **Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales**

Business for biodiversity: Driving the transition to a nature positive economy

Lucy Gaffney, Platform Development Lead, **Business for Biodiversity Ireland**

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

11.00 Coffee break and exhibition viewing

11.30 CONFERENCE PLENARY

Implementing the circular economy

David Greenfield, Vice President - External Affairs, **Circular Economy Institute** and
Visiting Professor of Circular Economy, **University of Brighton**

Air quality in Northern Ireland

Neil Rowland, Senior Research Fellow, **Queen's University Belfast** and
UKRI Regional Clean Air Champion for Northern Ireland

Responding to climate change: Mitigation and adaption

Jane McCullough, Manager, **Climate NI**

Water quality and environmental impact

Dymphna Gallagher, Head of Drinking Water Regulation, **NI Water** and
Angela Halpenny, Head of Environmental Regulation, **NI Water**

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

13.00 Networking lunch

14.00 AFTERNOON SESSION

Land use for a sustainable future

John Woods, Director for Northern Ireland, **Food, Farming and Countryside Commission**

Rivers Trust: Engaging communities

Mark Horton, All Ireland Director, **Rivers Trust**

Speaker tbc

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

15.15 Afternoon coffee break

15.45 AFTERNOON SESSION: PANEL DISCUSSION

The Northern Ireland environment: Challenges and future outlook



Dave Foster, Natural Environment Policy
Director, **Department of Agriculture,
Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)**



Debbie Caldwell, Climate Commissioner
Belfast City Council



Max Bryant, Chief Executive Officer
Northern Ireland Environment Link



Joanne Sherwood, Director
RSPB Northern Ireland

16.45 Conference close



Appendix B

Staff Training: Retrospective Approval:-

Details of Conferences	Service/ Directorate	No. Attending	Cost	Date	Location
CIEH Health & Safety Conference	Comms & Place/Env Health	1	£70	19 th March	Online
Records Management in the NI Public Sector	Finance	2	Free	6 & 7 th March	Belfast