The Rivers Trust

Autumn Conference | Programme

Wednesday 21st November 2018 | Watershed Media Centre, 1 Canon's Rd, Bristol BS1 5TX

Can the Government's 25-Year Environment Plan save our rivers?

09.30 **Registration, tea and coffee available**

10.00 **Welcome and Opening Address** – Arlin Rickard, CEO, The Rivers Trust

10.15 **Keynote Address** – Feargal Sharkey, Chairman, Amwell Magna Fishery

Session 1 – Rivers fit for everyone

Chair – Arlin Rickard, CEO, The Rivers Trust

10.30 **Our supporters and rivers fit for everyone (film with short intro)** – Alistair Maltby, Operations Director, The Rivers Trust

10.40 **Translating the Government's 25-year ambition of Natural Capital into practical Catchment Management** – Laurence Couldrick, CEO, Westcountry Rivers Trust

10.55 **Stripping the phosphate** – David Diggens, CEO, Norfolk Rivers Trust

11.10 **Rivers and Wellbeing. Delivering urban river improvements** – Chris Coode, Deputy CEO & Senior Programmes Manager, Thames21

11.25 **Questions**

11.30 - 12.00 Morning break

Session 2 – Abundance of fish and wildlife

Chair – Patric Bulmer
Head of Water Resources & Environment,
Bristol Water plc

12.00 **Unlocking the Severn, will 25 years be enough?** – Mike Morris, CEO, Severn Rivers Trust

12.15 **Meeting the generation challenge for fisheries** – Jack Spees, CEO, Ribble Rivers Trust

12.30 **The carrot needs a stick** – Simon Evans, CEO, Wye & Usk Foundation

12.45 **Meeting the water resource challenge** – Barry Bendall, Director, Water & Land, The Rivers Trust

13.00 **Questions**

13.05 - 14.00 Lunch

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Session 3 – Rivers valued by society in their natural state

Chair – Catherine Wright
Director Digital & Skills – F&CRM
Environment Agency

14.00 **The role of Rivers Trusts in 25-YEP & natural capital (video)** – Professor Dieter Helm CBE

14.10 **Chew on this. Recovery of a heavily modified river** – Matthew Pitts, Catchment Strategy Manager, Bristol Water plc

14.25 **Challenges of integrating flood risk and Rivers Trusts** – Vikki Salas, Assistant Director, West Cumbria Rivers Trust

14.40 **A 25-Year Vision for Rivers** – Kevin Austin, Deputy Director Agriculture, Fisheries & the Natural Environment, Environment Agency

14.55 **Questions**

15.00 - 15.30 **Afternoon break**

Session 4 – The Rivers Trust role in delivery

Chair – Damian Crilly
Manager, Strategic Catchment Partnerships
Environment Agency

15.30 **Water Stewardship & the role of big business** – Alex Adam, Water Stewardship Manager, The Rivers Trust

15.40 **Delivering Nestlé's environmental objectives with Rivers Trusts** – Andy Griffiths, Head of Value Chain Sustainability, Nestlé

15.50 **NEVO online. Delivery of natural capital through Rivers Trusts** – Brett Day, Director LEEP / Nathan Owen, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Exeter University

16.05 **Panel discussion** – what are the policy changes we need to leave rivers in a better way than we found them?

16.35 **Closing remarks and announcements**