

**Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar:
The future for environmental governance and protection in Wales**
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 26th September 2024
Taking place online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 9.05 **Priorities for the new environmental governance body - what can be learned for future policy and implementation from the work of the IEPAW**
Dr Nerys Llewelyn Jones, Interim Environmental Protection Assessor for Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Options for strengthening environmental law in Wales**
Dr Victoria Jenkins, Associate Professor, Hillary Rodham Clinton School of Law, Swansea University
- 9.45 **Priorities for a new independent statutory environmental governance body in Wales**
embedding environmental principles into Welsh law | assessing gaps in environmental governance | implementing an effective monitoring framework | assessing oversight and compliance functions | disciplinary tools and enforcement powers
Mike Willis, Ecologist and Chair, Wales Policy Group, Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management
Annie Smith, Head, Nature Policy and Casework, RSPB Cymru
Stephen Sykes, Head, Environmental, Climate and Sustainability Law, Capital Law
Dr Ludivine Petetin, Reader, Law, Cardiff University
Councillor Jackie Charlton, Cabinet Member for a Greener Powys, Powys County Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **'Sharing best practice and working together to protect and improve the environment'**
Dame Glenys Stacey, Chair, Office for Environmental Protection
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 11.15 Break
- 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 11.30 **Priorities for biodiversity protection and recovery in Wales**
implementation of statutory duties and targets | improving environmental outcomes | tackling biodiversity loss | species and habitats preservation | embedding biodiversity conservation principles throughout decision-making at all levels
Brad Welch, Land Use and Nature Recovery Manager, Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority
Dr Pippa Wood, Associate Ecologist, Arup
Senior representative, regulation
Senior representative, agriculture
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Policy priorities for environmental governance and a Strategic Nature Recovery Framework in Wales**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
Sean Cudmore, Policy Forum for Wales