



Coastal Futures Conference 2024

An inclusive future for our seas

Outline Programme

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Coastal Futures 2024 - *An inclusive future for our seas*

The Coastal Futures 2024 conference will provide the most comprehensive annual review, briefing and pointer to future trends for coastal and marine practitioners.

The theme of this 31st conference will be the need for inclusivity in coastal and marine management.

The conference will include six sessions across two days with pioneering speakers covering the current issues, barriers and opportunities for delivering sustainability.

Leading organisations across government, industry, consultants, academia, NGOs and the voluntary sector will be presenting alongside a strong line-up of influential keynote and sector leads to support this years' inclusivity theme.

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Session 1: Community Aspirations

Are coastal and marine practitioners responding to the inclusivity agenda?

Speakers will navigate the future for coastal communities facing the extremes of social and economic inequality, environmental stewardship and how we can support a 'just transition' through the management of our coasts and seas.

Session 2: Capitalising on Values

How will knowledge of 'values' make a difference to our prospects?

Speakers will consider how to bring the latest progress in evidence development tools for natural and social capital into mainstream decision-making, and whether they will support inclusivity and longer-term investment.

Session 3: Delivering a Sustainable Blue Economy

What approaches to decision-making are needed to balance the need for social and economic benefit alongside environmental recovery? From large scale, nationally driven new developments, to small scale community-led businesses, speakers will consider how to ensure that economic activities are environmentally sustainable and socially equitable.

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Session 4: Evidence Assessment into Action

In response to the latest evidence and assessments, how will we drive action?

Speakers will present a UK perspective on the recently launched OSPAR Quality Status Report for the NW Atlantic, the pollution challenges we face and the role of the UK Marine Strategy and other approaches to protect and recover the state of our seas.

Session 5: Restoration Prioritisation

Are we evolving the right solutions to deliver marine restoration and a nature-positive approach to decision-making? Speakers will highlight recent efforts to realise restoration ambitions including new mapping, tools and techniques to help prioritise recovery from estuaries to the coast and offshore.

Session 6: Mobilising Equitable Management

How do we mobilise engagement in strategic marine resource management and choose between priorities? Speakers will offer perspectives on progress in marine spatial prioritisation and how to ensure that blue economy opportunities involve coastal communities, whilst protecting and restoring the quality of our coasts and seas.

Finally, we will present the first **Bob Earll Award** which recognises an individual's outstanding contribution to ocean and coastal management

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Coastal Futures 2024 - The Venue

For the first time in its thirty-one year history, the Coastal Futures conference will be held at the historic Royal Institution in the heart of Mayfair, London.

We are excited to be at the home of scientific discovery within a building steeped in a rich history of innovation and progress. The Royal Institution combines period spaces with 200 years of scientific heritage.

World-changing science has been announced in the main auditorium, from the invention of photography and the electric motor to the discovery of the electron, and today it remains the stage for the world-famous Christmas Lectures.

With an expected audience of 400 delegates, speakers and chairs in attendance at each day of the event, and many hundreds online, there is fantastic potential for organisations and staff to interact with a dedicated audience of practitioners and leaders in the field of coastal and marine management.

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Delegate Rates

		In-Person	Online (both days)
2-day rate	Full	£295 +VAT	£95 +VAT
	Retired	£195 +VAT	£70 +VAT
	Concession	£105 +VAT	£45 +VAT
1-day rate	Full	£210 +VAT	
	Retired	£135 +VAT	
	Concession	£85 +VAT	

- Rates include refreshments, food and conference reception
- Concessions: Students, unemployed, benefits recipients, registered disabled (+ free companion)
- 10% group discount rates are available for two-day in-person tickets of 5+ delegates when booked simultaneously

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