



# Coastal Futures Conference 2024

*An inclusive future for our seas*

## Draft Programme

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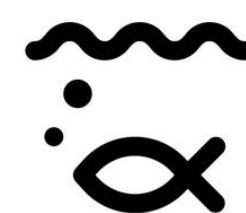
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# Coastal Futures 2024 - *An inclusive future for our seas*

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.

## Keynotes

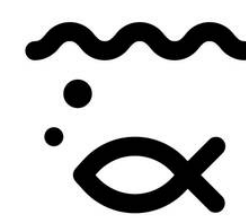
Yvette Curtis, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Manager, Surfers Against Sewage  
Dr Gemma Harper, Chief Executive, Joint Nature Conservation Committee  
Helen Wakeham, Director Water Transformation, Environment Agency  
Srabani Sen OBE, CEO & Founder, Full Colour

## Guest Speaker

Monty Halls, Generation Sea Change

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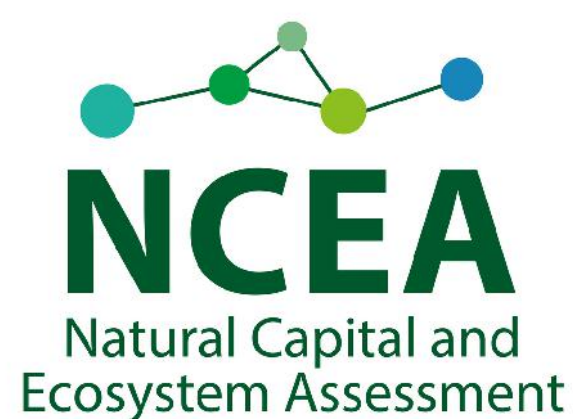
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### Day 1 - Wednesday 24th January 2024: Session 1

10:00	Keynote	<b>Yvette Curtis</b> , Equity Diversity and Inclusion Manager, Surfers Against Sewage: Ocean Advocates Everywhere: The importance of ensuring all voices stand together for the future of our ocean
	Scene setting	<b>Dr Jen Ashworth</b> , Head of Domestic Marine Conservation, Defra: Domestic Marine Policy Update

#### 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.

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| 10:40 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Samantha Richardson</b>, Chair, One Coast Coalition: Pledge for the Coast</li><li>• <b>Nicola Rimington</b>, Natural Resources Wales: Approaches to Integrated Coastal Management for future generations</li></ul>  |  |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Joe Perry</b>, Highland Council, Climate Action Coastlines: Nature-based solutions for threatened coastal communities</li><li>• <b>Mandelai Wolfe</b>, Lyme Bay Fisherman's CIC: A model for small-scale coastal fleet representation; for fishermen, by fishermen</li></ul>              |  |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Elaine Hayes</b>, Chief Executive Plymouth Sound National Marine Park: developing a marine identity for people, planet and place</li><li>• <b>Jetske Germing</b>, Wales Coast and Seas Partnership: Investment, literacy and capacity building - actions for future generations</li></ul> |  |
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Panel Debate

12:00	Refreshments
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### Day 1 - Wednesday 24th January 2024: 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.

13:30

- **Professor Graham Underwood**, Chair, UK Blue Carbon Evidence Partnership: How evidence of natural and social capital values will support the protection of blue carbon habitats
- **Mike Nelson**, Environment Agency: Catchment to Coast - Exploring natural capital approaches across the land-sea interface
- **Ellen McHarg**, Cefas: Valuing the King Charles III England Coast Path through benefit transfer
- **Elizabeth Beall**, Managing Director, Finance Earth: Marine Natural Capital Markets
- **Leonie Robinson**, Marine Management Organisation: Decision-making for a thriving marine environment - are we doing this, and if not, why not?
- **Erika Hughes**, Diverse Marine Values: Performing the Coast, from North to South: Theatre, Arts-Based Research, and Coastal & Marine Management in England and Scotland

Panel Debate

15:00

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### Day 1 - Wednesday 24th January 2024: 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.

- 16:00 • **Michelle Moore**, The Crown Estate: Taking a whole seabed approach to delivering a sustainable blue economy
- **Benj Sykes**, Head of Environment, Consenting & External Affairs, Ørsted Offshore Wind: Sustainability beyond carbon
- **Geraint Evans**, Chief Executive, UK Major Ports Group
- **Alyx Elliott**, Oceana UK: Fish not fossils - Introducing the Ocean Alliance Against Offshore Drilling
- **Robbie Fisher**, Defra: Fisheries Management Plans
- **Louise O'Hara Murray**, Marine Planning Manager, Scottish Government Developing a new national marine plan for Scotland.

Panel Debate

17:30 Keynote **Srabani Sen** OBE, CEO & Founder, Full Colour: The three C's of equity, diversity and inclusion

17:45 Guest Speaker **Monty Halls**: Generation Sea Change

18:00 Reception

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### Day 2 - Thursday 25th January 2024: Session 4

09:00	Keynote	<b>Helen Wakeham</b> , Director of Water Transformation, Environment Agency, Water Transformation: Source to Sea
	Scene setting	<b>Dr Gemma Harper</b> , Chief Executive Officer, Joint Nature Conservation Committee, The ocean is calling us...are we listening?

#### 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 to protect and recover the state of our seas.

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| 09:30 | <b>Dominic Pattinson</b> , OSPAR: The evidence we need for the North-East Atlantic we want  |  |
|       | <b>Christina Herbon</b> , JNCC: Key conclusions from the OSPAR QSR 2023 Biodiversity themes: challenges, risks and actions to halt and reverse biodiversity decline                                     |  |
|       | <b>Bob Earll</b> : Reporting annual change on a regional scale and building social capital  |  |
|       | <b>Kayleigh Thomas</b> , JNCC/Cefas: Assessing Marine Litter in UK seas   |  |
|       | <b>Dr Matt Frost</b> , Chair, UK National Decade Committee/Plymouth Marine Laboratory: Supporting Ocean Action at a global level - the UN Decade of Ocean Science and the UK National Decade Committee. |  |
|       | <b>Caroline Carr</b> , Clean Humber: Pollution Challenges and Blue Sky Thinking for Change - What if we cared about the sea?  |  |


Panel Debate

11:00	Refreshments
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### Day 2 - Thursday 25th January 2024: 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 & techniques to help prioritise recovery from estuaries to the coast and offshore.

- 12:30
- **Charlotte Johnson**, Natural England: Marine Restoration Potential (MaRePo)
  - **Lily Pauls**, Natural Resources Wales: Building resilience of Welsh marine ecosystems through Nature Networks
  - **Annika Clements**, DAERA Northern Ireland: Coastal mapping and new initiatives to prioritise habitat restoration
  - **Tara Hooper**, Natural England: Marine Natural Capital Ecosystem Assessment: Marine extensions to Local Nature Recovery Strategies
  - **Will Melhuish**, Operations Manager, Exo Engineering: Achieving Biodiversity Net Gain for Coastal Infrastructure
  - **Eve Leegwater**, Environment Agency: Scaling up estuarine and coastal habitat restoration – from policy to practical action

Panel Debate

14:00

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### Day 2 - Thursday 25th January 2024: 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.

15:00

- **Rachel Brown**, MMO: English Marine Plans - the next generation
- **Daniel Morris/James Green**, Orkney Islands Council: Unlocking the potential of regional marine planning; an Orkney Islands perspective
- **Chloe Wenman**, Marine Conservation Society: Marine planning - a Welsh perspective
- **Sarah Coulthard**, Newcastle University: Trust and legitimacy - a two way street in the pursuit of marine resource co-management
- **Simone de Winter**, Cefas: Cumulative effects of offshore wind farms in a marine spatial world
- **Jennifer Godwin**, Seabed User and Developer Group: Principles for Marine Spatial Prioritisation: Space for Nature and the Blue Economy

Panel Debate

16:30

- **Katrina Ryan**, Mindfully Wired Communications: The real change that communications can bring about in co-management

16:45

- **Bob Earll Award**: Outstanding contribution to ocean and coastal management

17:00

Close

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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 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

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		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	<div>The Coastal Futures conference is run and owned by <i>Ocean &amp; Coastal Futures (OCF) Ltd</i></div> <div></div>
	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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