



ReMeMaRe Conference 2023

Restoring Estuarine & Coastal Habitats

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The Environment Agency and Ocean & Coastal Futures have come together for this year's Estuarine and Coastal Restoration Conference. The conference will focus on actioning the restoration agenda for a healthy and resilient estuarine and coastal environment.

Furthering the REACH (Restoring Estuarine and Coastal Habitats) conferences since 2019, this year's focus is on the ambitions of the Restoring Meadow Marsh and Reef (ReMeMaRe) initiative.

The 2023 programme will include five sessions across two days, highlighting current and future opportunities and challenges, illustrating progress and evolving practice and discussing how we achieve our restoration targets.

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Location & Venue

This year's conference will be a chance for those with an interest in ocean restoration to gather in-person with practitioners, regulators, scientists and policy makers in the seaside town of Scarborough, on Yorkshire's east coast.

The conference will take place next to the waves, overlooking the beach, and is held in the historic Scarborough Spa.

A drinks reception for delegates at the end of day one will allow an opportunity for informal and lively discussions, as well as a chance to meet with old and new colleagues.

The town is served by regular trains running between London & Edinburgh, changing at York, and lines from Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester and Leeds.

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Day 1 - Tuesday 11th July 2023: Session 1

11:30	Opening	Trudy Harrison, MP - Defra Minister (video address) introduced by Roger Proudfoot, Environment Agency
11:45	Welcome	Richard Flinton , Chief Executive, North Yorkshire Council Wave Crookes , Director, Seagrown Matt Jones , The Wave Project Scarborough: Changing young lives through surf therapy
STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP		
Chair: Mike Elliott, Emeritus Professor in Estuarine & Coastal Sciences, University of Hull		
12:15	<i>Setting and achieving ambitious targets - How do we deliver the ambitions for estuarine and coastal restoration?</i> Speakers will illustrate how far we've come & the need to build on this momentum to achieve ambitious restoration targets. They will offer insights into how strategic aims are capable of becoming a reality.	
Dr Robert Bradburne , Chief Scientist, Environment Agency: Working with the System Dr James Robinson , Conservation Director, WWT: Catalysing coastal restoration in the UK - leading from the front Dr Colm Bowe & Jim Wardill , Nature North: Introduction to Nature North & Thriving Northern Coasts & Estuaries Programme		
13:00	Lunch	

Day 1 - Tuesday 11th July 2023: Session 2

DRIVERS	
Chair: Dr Aisling Lannin, Marine Management Organisation	
14:00	<i>Scaling up our experiences - Are the enablers in place to meet ambitious targets for estuarine and coastal restoration?</i> Speakers will share their perspectives from Scotland, Wales, England & Northern Ireland, to present a UK-wide picture of the regulatory, planning & policy landscape influencing restoration. They will highlight the key drivers, the barriers & opportunities that come with this changing landscape and examples of progress.
Orlando Venn , Natural England: Restoring Estuarine and Coastal Habitats - Policy Opportunities and Challenges Dr Cass Bromley , NatureScot: Restoration - a Scottish perspective Dr Annika Clements , DAERA: Are we ‘restoration ready’? The start of a journey in Northern Ireland Dr Kate Griffith , Natural Resources Wales: Restoration and enhancement in Wales Caroline Price & Dr Phillip Turner , The Crown Estate: Making space for nature recovery Panel debate	
15:30	Refreshments & Posters

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Day 1 - Tuesday 11th July 2023: Session 3

ACTION

Chair: Dr David Tudor, Blue Marine Foundation

Practitioners experience from the frontline - Showcasing practical action

16:00 Speakers will demonstrate a range of successful restoration initiatives for estuarine & coastal habitats and species - from local to seascape scale. Insights into the journey from vision to reality will offer inspiration to increase the pace & scale of restoration, as well as providing a horizon scan of the new wave of projects starting their journey.

Amelia Newman, Ocean Conservation Trust: Restoration of Zostera Marina within two SACs for LIFE Recreation ReMEDIES

Mike Williams, Environment Agency: Adapting to Climate Change - The Lower Otter Restoration Project

Natasha Lough, Natural Resources Wales: Wales Native Oyster Restoration Project

Celine Gamble & Dr Alison Debney, Zoological Society of London: Creating steppingstones to seascape scale recovery

Dr James Wood, North Sea Wildlife Trusts & **Samir Whitaker**, Ørsted: Wilder Humber

Louise MacCallum, Blue Marine Foundation: The Solent Seascape Project - lessons from our first year

Panel debate

17:30

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Day 2 - Wednesday 12th July 2023: Session 4

09:00 Welcome **Roger Proudfoot, Environment Agency**
Welcome to Day 2 and reflection on first day

CONNECTION

Chair: Dr Natasha Bradshaw, Ocean & Coastal Futures

For people and nature - partners from catchment to coast

Connecting people, place and perspectives is essential to achieving better ecological outcomes for people and nature. Speakers will share systems approaches, examples of coastal coordination & the ambitions of the seascape statement.

Matt Service, AFBI: Soil to Sea - A Northern Ireland Perspective

Konstancja Woźniacka, Seafish: Evaluating the benefits of bivalve bio-extraction for water quality improvement - A Case Study

Dr Andy Rees, Plymouth Marine Lab: Towards a catchment to coast understanding of the transport of material between land to sea

Dr Joanne Preston, University of Portsmouth: Developing the evidence base and consensus to achieve seascape scale restoration

Michael Thompson, Mott MacDonald: Nurturing nature-based solutions to support net gain across dynamic coasts

Hellen Hornby, Groundwork: Revitalising our Estuaries - Grey to Green Coasts and Communities

Amy Pryor, Coastal Partnerships Network: Building a national framework for coastal coordination

Panel debate

10:45 Refreshments & Posters

Day 2 - Wednesday 12th July 2023: Session 5

BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Chair: Dr Ben Green, Environment Agency

11:15 *Scaling up our experiences - Are the enablers in place to meet our ambitious targets for estuarine and coastal restoration?*
Speakers will share examples of new opportunities and progress being made to enable restoration in a changing landscape of rising ambition. They will highlight the key drivers, the barriers and opportunities that come with this changing landscape and examples of the progress being made.

Eve Leegwater, Environment Agency: Enabling restoration through regulation

Susanne Armstrong, ABPmer: Recent advances in the beneficial use of dredge sediment for restoration

Evonne Maxwell, Jacobs: Nurseries and aquaculture – scaling up for restoration

Peter Barham, MBE, Chair SUDG: Net Gain - an opportunity for marine industries

Zahra Ravenscroft, Environment Agency: Tees Tidelands - A coastal restoration BNG case study

Adam Rowlands, RSPB: East Coast Flyway - Tentative UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site

Panel debate

13:00 Close - **Roger Proudfoot**, Environment Agency

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About

ReMeMaRe

Restoring Meadow, Marsh and Reef (ReMeMaRe) (pronounced “re-memory”), is an ambitious habitat restoration initiative, which aims to address baseline shift and reverse centuries of decline, initially focussing on three of our priority estuarine and coastal habitats: seagrass meadows, saltmarshes and European native oyster reefs. By restoring these precious estuarine and coastal ecosystems, we are enhancing society's connection to the natural world, whilst delivering Nature-based Solutions (NbS) that address issues such as climate change, loss of biodiversity, sustainable food, health and well-being, as well as the socio-economic benefits of recreation and tourism that can help to alleviate deprivation in coastal towns.

Ocean and Coastal Futures

Ocean and Coastal Futures is the home of CMS News & Jobs and conferences, including the long-running Coastal Futures conference, which have been focal points for the ocean, coastal and water sectors over three decades. Together with the Environment Agency, we have hosted the REACH ‘Restoring Estuaries and Coastal Habitats’ conference series since 2019.

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