

Restoring Meadow, Marsh, and Reef (ReMeMaRe) Conference 2024

10-11th July 2024

We look forward to welcoming you to the Restoring Meadow, Marsh and Reef (ReMeMaRe) 2024 conference. Bringing together restoration practitioners, Government bodies, environmental Non-Government Organisations (eNGOs), industry and businesses, from across the United Kingdom, with a shared vision to restore our estuaries and coasts. Providing a welcoming space for knowledge exchange and discussion on the latest developments in coastal restoration science, practice, and policy.

Building on the success of last year's event we will be returning to Scarborough to host this year's event on 10-11th July.

Following feedback last year, we will be extending the event this year, to give us a day and a half of inspiring talks and networking opportunities to maximise its value to participants. We hope you will join us.

Call for abstracts for talks and posters now open:

Abstracts are now invited for ten-minute presentations and poster submissions. We will have 5 theme sessions across the two days, these include; Restoration in Action, Investing in Restoration, Restoration through collaboration, Science, and Evolving policy and Regulation (see below for additional information on each). Talks will be followed by a group Q and A session.

Talks (deadline for abstract 6th May 2024)

If you would like to speak within one of our sessions described below, please download the template and submit an abstract to conference@coastms.co.uk . [Download abstract template here](#).

Posters (deadline for abstract 6th May 2024)

We would encourage anyone to submit a poster abstract which fits within one of our session themes, especially those within early career/research roles. Please download the template and submit an abstract to conference@coastms.co.uk. [Download abstract template here](#).

Posters will be displayed at the venue throughout the event for people to view and discuss with presenters to help generate further ideas, collaborations and partnerships. There will be a drinks reception for delegates on day 1 to further stimulate the creative process.

Speakers and presenters will be informed about their abstracts on the 28th of May.

[Ticket sales now on sale here](#) – Tickets cost £135 per person. Concessions rate £80 (Students, unemployed, benefits recipients, registered disabled (+free companion)).

ReMeMaRe Session themes

1. **Restoration in Action** – we want restoration projects across the UK to share their experiences – good and bad, to help us all develop best practice. We hope this session will showcase pioneering

examples of restoration on the ground. Whether it's through adopting innovative techniques, incorporating seascape scale approach, describing how challenges were conquered or simply sharing great success and how you achieved it (e.g. social engagement). This session will demonstrate our progress in restoration approaches across the UK.

2. Investing in Restoration

We know that securing funding is one of the main challenges to restoration, so we want this session to discuss business needs and what we need to boost investor confidence in E&C restoration. How do we make restoration projects attractive to funding bodies and private investors? We want to learn from both existing examples of restoration investment, and from interested investors/businesses themselves on what they need from projects to increase their confidence to invest.

3. Restoration through collaboration.

Exploring how working in partnership brings multiple benefits to restoration. Whether through working with communities and using citizen science approaches, with the additional societal wellbeing this participation provides, or between organisations and sharing resources to achieve common goals. Within this session we want to demonstrate the synergies which could be developed by people working together.

4. Science

During this session we will host talks that present the most recent scientific findings relating to the ReMeMaRe focus habitats (oyster reefs, seagrass, saltmarsh/es, kelp), that are of relevance to informing and delivering restoration at scale. For example, this could include studies on the mapping, distribution, or habitat suitability; biodiversity and ecological functions and services; or improved understanding of the influences of anthropogenic stressors on habitats and ecosystems.

5. Evolving policy and regulation

This session will focus on what evolution is necessary in policy and regulation to enable projects to accelerate their delivery, so we achieve our ambitious restoration targets. Learning from others (UK and Internationally) we will share solutions being put forward to shape policy and legislation to help streamline the process and support practical action. This session should inspire us to learn from examples elsewhere to explore new ways of working to achieve our ambitions.

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