

ReMeMaRe Conference 2024

Restoring Estuarine & Coastal Habitats

Outline Programme and abstract information







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Outline Programme

The Environment Agency and Ocean & Coastal Futures have come together again for the Restoring Meadow, Marsh, and Reef (ReMeMaRe) Conference 2024.

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.

The 2024 programme will include five sessions across one and a half days, highlighting current and future opportunities and challenges, illustrating progress and evolving practice and discussing how we achieve our restoration targets.

<u>Purchase a ticket here</u>, or if you want to sponsor the event please <u>see sponsorship</u> <u>packages here.</u>

Information for abstract submission is on the next page.

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Abstract call

Abstracts are now invited for ten-minute presentations and poster submissions. We will have five 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 <u>conference@coastms.co.uk</u>. <u>Download abstract template here</u>.

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.

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- 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. 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; therefore, this session will discuss business needs and what we need to boost investor confidence in estuarine and coastal 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.

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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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ReMeMaRe 2024 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 of 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 UK ocean, coastal and water sectors over three decades. Together with the Environment Agency, we have hosted the annual ocean restoration conference series since 2019.

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ReMeMaRe 2024 Venue

The conference will once again take place next to the waves, overlooking the beach, at 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. Throughout the two days, you will also have the chance to meet our sponsors and view the posters on display.

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

View location here

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Delegate rates

In-Person

Full

£135 +VAT

Concession*

£80 +VAT

• Rates include refreshments, food and conference reception

*Concessions: Students, unemployed, benefits recipients, registered disabled (+free companion)

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