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Blueprint for PR14 conference: working with water companies to restore our rivers and wetlands

14 May 2014, 10.30am – 15.30pm, Living Planet Centre, Woking
Registration and refreshments available from 9.45 am

Free to attend

The aim of this conference is to maximise the environmental and biodiversity benefit of water company projects by increasing understanding around the potential for collaboration and NGO delivery, including sharing experiences from partnership projects.

Introduction

In 2012, the Blueprint for Water coalition launched the *Blueprint for PR14*, which set out all the environmental outcomes we wanted to see from the water company plans during 2015-2020. We were pleased to see the scale of investment proposed to deliver multiple benefits for customers and the environment in the plans submitted to Ofwat in December 2013. This included more investment for catchment management, water efficiency and other measures that will reduce abstraction and clean up pollution from our rivers and beaches.

While Ofwat considers its final determination, the water companies are busy preparing the detail on how they will implement their business plans from April 2015. The Blueprint coalition organisations have a long history of working with water companies to deliver projects and maximise opportunities for the environment. Now is the time to get together to think about how best the third sector and the companies can collaborate for delivery. This conference aims to bring together those with experience, and the ambition to work together at a local and national level, to share lessons and support even greater collaboration.

See: http://www.wcl.org.uk/docs/Blueprint_for_PR14.pdf.

Attendees

This conference is primarily aimed at staff of the Blueprint coalition organisations and the water companies who have experience of, or are interested in, working together to improve catchments. But it is also likely to be of interest and is open to others with an interest in improving the freshwater environment through a catchment based approach.

Please circulate to colleagues who may be interested

To secure your place please contact Kate Hand, Wildlife and Countryside Link.

Telephone: 020 7820 8600 or email kate@wcl.org.uk, mentioning any dietary requirements.

Agenda

9.45	Registration and refreshments
10.30	Welcome to the conference: Kathy Hughes, WWF
10.40	Blueprint for PR14, opportunities for collaboration: Phil Burston, RSPB
10.55	Opportunities ahead, a water company perspective: Meyrick Gough, Southern Water
11.10	Blueprint for PR14, water company scorecard: Colin Fenn, WWF <i>The environmental outcomes we wanted to see in the water company plans for 2015-20 as set out in our 'Blueprint for PR14' and our analysis of how the water companies delivered against those outcomes.</i>
11.25	Water efficiency partnerships – an introduction: Jacob Tompkins, Waterwise <i>Lessons from delivering water efficiency projects in partnership</i>
11.40	Water efficiency partnerships – Care for the Kennet: Charlotte Hitchmough, Action for the River Kennet
11.55	Collaborating with Water Companies on SuDS: Rob Shore, WWT <i>Experiences and lessons learnt from WWT's work with water companies, including the SuDS for Schools Project in partnership with Thames Water/Environment Agency.</i>
12.10	Panel discussion with speakers and questions from the audience
12.30	Lunch
13.15	Welcome to the afternoon session: Rob Collins, The Rivers Trust
13.20	Ofwat's view and Forward Strategy: Ronan Palmer, Ofwat
13.35	Catchment Management case studies, Upstream Thinking: Dylan Bright, South West Water
13.50	Catchment Management case studies, SCAMP: Lee Schofield, RSPB
14.05	Catchment Management case studies: Tim Thom, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Working with Yorkshire Water on catchment-scale peatland restoration
14.20	Catchment Management case studies: Jodie Whitehead, Severn Trent Water
14.35	Catchment Management case studies: David Cheek, Friends of the Mimram
14.50	Panel discussion with speakers and questions from the audience
15.10	Blueprint for Water, future plans and feedback from the audience: Janina Gray, Salmon & Trout Association/ Blueprint for Water coalition
15.30	Close and depart Tea and coffee will be available from 15.30 – 16.00

Directions to the Living Planet Centre

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The Living Planet Centre

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Brewery Road

Woking

Surrey, GU21 4LL

By train: Woking station is 25 minutes from London Waterloo. Regular services run to Woking from London, and across the south east.

The Living Planet Centre is a short walk from Woking station. Leave the station from the exit on Platform 1, signposted Town Centre. Once outside, cross the road and take the pedestrian road to the left of the parade of shops in front of you (Church Path). At the end of this road, turn left then immediately right and walk through the Wolsey Place covered walkway and into the town square. Walk through the town square, passing Café Rouge on your left and Barclays bank on your right. (Gloucester walk). At the end of this path you should be able to see The Living Planet Centre in front of you. Cross over the dual carriageway at the lights and take the bridge over the canal. The entrance to The Living Planet Centre is on your left. For more information including a map and directions by coach and car please visit:

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