

## TREES AND FORESTS IN BRITISH SOCIETY

Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, UK. April 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> 2010.

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### Day 1. Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2010

- 08:00** Coffee, networking, registration
- 09:15 – 09:30** Introduction and welcome.  
*Mr Tim Rollinson, Director General, Forestry Commission*
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- 09:30 – 10:00** Forestry Commission country perspectives: Policy imperatives, drivers and research needs.  
*Forestry Commission, England, Wales and Scotland, Policy and Programmes Advisors*
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- 10:00 – 10:30** Wellbeing and social values: Keynote Address  
*What are the relationships between public health and wellbeing, and woodlands or green spaces?*  
*Professor Richard Mitchell, Glasgow University and Outdoors and Health Network*  
  
*Rethinking the 'Forests-Wellbeing Nexus': a social-theoretic approach*  
*Dr Chad Staddon, University of the West of England*
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- 10:30 – 12:45** Wellbeing and social values: Research papers  
*Chair: Professor Richard Mitchell, Glasgow University*
- 10:30 – 11.30** Part One
1. *Access for all? Barriers to accessing woodlands and forests in the UK. Dr Jake Morris et al, Forest Research*
  2. *Woodland freedoms and individualism: Nature situated self-development as a precursor to 'cultural service' creation. Helen King et al, Cranfield University*
  3. *Taking account of cultural value in forest planning. Mr Paul Tabbush, Forestry and Social Research Services*
- 11.30 – 11:45** Tea Break
- 11.45 – 12:45** Part Two
4. *Are we creating problems for the future? Children, young people and the concept of 'nature deficit disorder'. Dr Liz O'Brien, Forest Research*
  5. *Evaluating stress relief in urban green and open spaces: Does perceived naturalness make a difference? Dr Anna Jorgensen et al, University of Sheffield*



6. *Does the removal of “dangerous” urban trees actually endanger community health and safety? Trees, climate change and imbalanced governance in the built environment.* Dr Norman Dandy, Forest Research
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**12:45 – 13:15 Practice and Delivery Showcase: Wellbeing and social values**

7. *Forest Kindergarten: A natural approach to developing health and wellbeing, and learning in young children.* Karen Boyd, Forestry Commission Scotland
8. *The benefits of taking a big bank into a small woodland.* Dr Dan Bebber, Earthwatch
9. *Branching Out – Greenspace on referral.* Mr Hugh McNish, Forestry Commission Scotland
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**13:15 – 14:15 LUNCH**

**14:15 – 14:45 Recap and plenary**

*Chair: Professor Richard Mitchell, University of Glasgow*

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**14:45 – 15:15 Comment and opinion pieces: Wellbeing and social values**

10. *Cultural and ecological wellbeing through art in forests.* Mr Dave Pritchard, UK Arts and Environment Network
11. *Social perspectives on the ‘ecosystem services’ approach.* Judith Hanna, Social Science Principal Specialist, Evidence Team, Natural England
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**15.15 – 15.45 TEA BREAK**

**15:45 – 17:30 Choice of parallel sessions:**

**A. Wellbeing: Diverse social benefits from woodlands.**

***Chair: Dr Liz O’Brien, Forest Research***

12. *Natural play in the forest: A pilot evaluation of a Forest School.* Dr Nicky Ridgers, Liverpool John Moores University and Jo Sayers, Mersey Forest
13. *Forest landscapes: Embodiment, identity and materiality.* Dr Owain Jones, Countryside and Community Research Institute
14. *Denial of risk in a restorative environment: The case of Lyme disease.* Dr Afrodita Marcu et al, University of Surrey
15. *Are you in or out? How working in woodlands can help build communities (The example of ‘Offenders and Nature’ schemes).* Claudia Carter, Forest Research

**B. Economic perspectives: Valuation and social evaluation.**

***Chair: Dr Chris Quine, Head of Centre for Human and Ecological Sciences, Forest Research***

16. *Estimating the aggregate amenity value of woodland views using spatial analysis: review and application.* Dr Vadims Sarajevs, Forest Research
17. *The economic value of biomass to the north east of England: Implications for UK policy and practice.* Ben Tansey and Dr David Clubb, Rural Development Initiatives

18. *How trees attract tourists. Prof Hervey Gibson et al, Cogent Strategies International Limited*

19. *Social returns from the Greenlink. Stephen Hughes, Central Scotland Forest Trust*

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**19.30 for 8**                    **CONFERENCE DINNER.** The College Lounge, Hugh Nisbet Building

***Speaker Pam Warhurst, Chair of the Forestry Commission***

**Day 2. Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**09:00 – 09:10**                    **Welcome – announcements etc.**

**09:10 – 09:40**                    **Governance, policy and evidence: Keynote Address**

***Governance of Mysteries: building new institutions based upon surprise and uncertainty.***

*Professor Margaret Shannon, IUFRO Forest Policy and Governance Coordinator*

***Governance, multifunctional forestry and economic literacy.***

*Professor Bill Slee, Macaulay Institute*

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**09:40 – 11:00**                    **Governance, policy and evidence: Research papers**

***Chair: Prof Margaret Shannon***

20. *What's happening in the (community) woods? Signposts through the British experience. Dr Anna Lawrence et al, Forest Research*

21. *Forestry policy in Britain. Negotiating tradeoffs - Who's in charge? Mr Alec Dauncey, Bangor University*

22. *Do forest scale and ownership matter for sustainable multifunctional forestry? A case study of forest management in the Cairngorms region of Scotland. Dr Robert McMorran, Centre for Mountain studies*

23. *New approaches to planning and delivery of green networks for people. Dr Darren Moseley and Dr Mariella Marzano, Forest Research*

**11:00 – 11:30**                    **TEA BREAK**

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**11:30 – 12:15**                    **Practice/delivery showcase: Governance, policy and evidence**

24. *Measuring the impact of social forestry interventions. Katie Eastaugh, Small Woods Association*

25. *Forestry Commission - Sherwood Forest District, social engagement. Jo Lindsay, Forestry Commission Sherwood District*

26. *Lessons for community woodlands from the community owned shop. Mr Richard Snow, Plunkett Foundation*

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**12:15 – 13:00**                    **Comment and opinion pieces: Governance, policy and evidence**

27. *Britain's lost wood culture. Dr Gabriel Hemery, Chief Executive, Sylva Foundation*

28. *More trees without the trouble? Mr Keith Kirby, Principal Specialist Woodlands, Natural England*

29. *Policy drivers for change in management of trees and woods – an NGO perspective. Mr Mike Townsend, Senior Advisor - Conservation Team Leader, Woodland Trust*

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**13.00 – 13.15**      **Plenary – final comments and questions**  
*Chair: Prof Margaret Shannon*

**13.15 – 14:15**      **LUNCH**

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**14:15 - 15:15**      **Poster, practice and networking session: *Poster and ‘stall’ presentations in foyer and poster area for researchers, practitioners and Third Sector Organisations***

**15:15 – 15:45**      **TEA BREAK**

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**15:45 – 17:15**      **Choice of parallel sessions**

**C. Communities and woodlands**

**Chair: Dr Kate Schreckenber, University of Southampton**

30. *New virtue in virtuous forests: Community woodlands in Scotland a decade on. Dr Rhys Evans, Integrate Consulting*

31. *Uncovering community histories at Bennachie, Aberdeenshire. Jennifer Fagen and Dr Jo Vergunst, University of Aberdeen*

32. *The impacts of community-based woodfuel heating – case study findings from rural Cumbria, UK. Jennifer Rogers, University of Cumbria*

33. *Constructing partnerships with state forestry, the British experience. Dr Bianca Ambrose-Oji et al, Forest Research*

**D. Forest science and evidence at the policy interface**

**Chair: Mr Marcus Sangster, Forestry Commission**

34. *Improving the evidence base for forestry: A stakeholder approach to identifying policy-relevant research priorities. Gill Petrokofsky, Oxford University*

35. *Wildfires in Wales: The uneasy relationship between people and their trees. Mr Matt Jollands, Forest Research.*

36. *Public evaluation of the content and change of Scottish woodlands. Dr Maria Nijnik and Professor David Miller, Macaulay Institute.*

37. *Tools for sustainability impact assessment of forestry policies: what role for social science? Dr Dave Edwards, Forest Research*

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**Summaries and close**

**17:20 – 17:30**      **Research and the social demands on forestry**  
*Dr Anna Lawrence, Head of Social and Economic Research, Forest Research*

**17:30 – 18:00**      **Summary remarks and close**  
*Dr James Pendlebury, CEO Forest Research*

**Day 3. Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2010. Fieldtrip****Fieldtrip to Glasgow. Leave Edinburgh by 9:30 return by 15:30.**

Visit Woodlands in and around Towns (WIAT) sites in the greater Easterhouse area (inc. Gartloch and Gartcosh) to look at research and practice partnerships supporting community engagement and environmental justice.

Led by Forestry Commission Scotland area and conservancy staff, with additional perspectives from the Clyde Valley Green Network.