

## 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

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| 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. <i>Forestry Commission, England, Wales and Scotland, Policy and Programmes Advisors</i>  |
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| 10:00 – 10:30 | Wellbeing and social values: Keynote Address<br><i>Professor Jules Pretty, University of Essex (tbc)</i><br><i>What are the relationships between public health and wellbeing, and woodlands or green spaces?</i><br><i>Professor Richard Mitchell, Glasgow University and Outdoors and Health Network</i>   |
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| 10:30 – 12:45 | Wellbeing and social values: Research papers<br>Chair: Professor Richard Mitchell, Glasgow University  |
| 10:30 – 11.30 | Part One   |
|               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Access for all? Barriers to accessing woodlands and forests in the UK. Dr Jake Morris, Forest Research</i></li> <li>2. <i>Woodland freedoms and individualism: Nature situated self-development as a precursor to 'cultural service' creation. Helen King et al, Cranfield University</i></li> <li>3. <i>Taking account of cultural value in forest planning. Mr Paul Tabbush, Forestry and Social Research Services</i></li> </ol> |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | <i>BREAK</i>   |
| 11.45 – 12:45 | Part Two   |
|               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. <i>Are we creating problems for the future? Children, young people and the concept of 'nature deficit disorder'. Dr Liz O'Brien, Forest Research</i></li> <li>5. <i>Evaluating stress relief in urban green and open spaces: Does perceived naturalness make a difference? Dr Anna Jorgensen et al, University of Sheffield</i></li> <li>6. <i>Tbc</i></li> </ol>  |
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| 12:45 – 13:15 | Practice and Delivery Showcase: Wellbeing and social values  |
|               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. <i>Forest Kindergarten: A natural approach to developing health and wellbeing, and learning in young children. Karen Boyd, Forestry Commission Scotland</i></li> </ol>   |



8. *The benefits of taking a big bank into a small woodland.* Dr Dan Bebbler, Earthwatch
9. *Branching Out – Greenspace on referral.* Mr Hugh McNish, Forestry Commission Scotland

13:15 – 14:15            *LUNCH*

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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.* Dr Judith Hanna, Social Science Principal Specialist, Evidence Team Natural England
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15:15 – 15:45            *TEA BREAK*

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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.* Dr Hervey Gibson et al, Cogent Strategies International Limited
  19. *Social returns from the Greenlink.* Mr Stephen Hughes, Central Scotland Forest Trust
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Evening                    CONFERENCE DINNER. Heriot-Watt.      Speaker Pam Warhurst, Chair of the Forestry Commission (tbc)

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

*Forest governance and research in a European context: Future directions.*  
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 – 12:00 Governance, policy and evidence: Research papers  
Chair: Prof Margaret Shannon

9:40 – 10:40 Part One

*20. Evidence based forest policy: what's the evidence? Dr Anna Lawrence, 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*

10:40 – 11:00 TEA BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 Part Two

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

*24. An appetite for the wild: An investigation into the contemporary practice, use and importance of wild culinary botanicals for private and commercial consumption in Britain. Lisa Fenton, University of Kent*

*25. Assessing the impacts of forest management on recreation: Case study of the Cairngorms National Park. Dr David Edwards, Forest Research*

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12:00 – 12:30 Practice/delivery showcase: Governance, policy and evidence

*26. Measuring the impact of social forestry interventions. Katie Eastaugh, Smallwoods Association*

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

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

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12:30 – 13:15 Comment and opinion pieces: Governance, policy and evidence

*29. Is growing trees for wood acceptable policy for contemporary society? Dr Gabriel Hemery, Chief Executive, Sylva Foundation*

*30. More trees without the trouble? Mr Keith Kirby, Senior Forestry and Woodland Officer, Natural England*

31. *Policy drivers for change in management of trees and woods – an NGO perspective. Mr Mike Townsend, Woodland Trust*

13.15 – 14:15      *LUNCH*

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14:00 - 15:15      Poster, practice and networking session. Poster and 'stall' presentations in foyer and poster area from researchers, practitioners and Third Sector organisations.

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15:15 – 15:45      *TEA BREAK*

15:45 – 17:15      Choice of parallel sessions

#### A. Communities and woodlands

Chair: Dr Kate Schreckenber, University of Southampton

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

33. *Uncovering community histories at Bennachie, Aberdeenshire. Dr Jo Vergunst, University of Aberdeen*

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

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

#### B. Forest science and evidence at the policy interface

Chair: Mr Marcus Sangster, Forestry Commission

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

37. *Formal group modelling as a deliberative platform at the science-policy-democracy Interface. Dr Peter Schlyter et al, Stockholm University.*

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

39. *Public evaluation of the content and change of Scottish woodlands. Dr Maria Nijnik and Dr Dave Millar, Macaulay Institute.*

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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

Programme continues over



Day 3. Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2010. Fieldtrip

Fieldtrip to Glasgow. Leave Edinburgh by 9:00 return by 15:30

Visit Woodlands in and around Towns (WIAT) sites at Drumchapel and Easterhouse. Policy, practice and applied research supporting community engagement and environmental justice. Supported by Forestry Commission area and conservancy staff.

Perspectives from the Clyde Valley Green Network. Strategic alliances between research, planning approaches and policy imperatives.

Please note this programme is indicative only and may be subject to change.

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