

**Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar:  
The future for environmental governance and protection in Wales**  
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
\*\*\*Taking place online\*\*\*



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 9.05 **Priorities for the new environmental governance body - what can be learned for future policy and implementation from the work of the IEPAW**  
**Dr Nerys Llewelyn Jones**, Interim Environmental Protection Assessor for Wales  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Options for strengthening environmental law in Wales**  
**Dr Victoria Jenkins**, Associate Professor, Hillary Rodham Clinton School of Law, Swansea University
- 9.45 **Priorities for a new independent statutory environmental governance body in Wales**  
*embedding environmental principles into Welsh law | assessing gaps in environmental governance | implementing an effective monitoring framework | assessing oversight and compliance functions | disciplinary tools and enforcement powers*  
**Mike Willis**, Ecologist and Chair, Wales Policy Group, Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management  
**Annie Smith**, Head, Nature Policy and Casework, RSPB Cymru  
**Stephen Sykes**, Head, Environmental, Climate and Sustainability Law, Capital Law  
**Dr Ludivine Petetin**, Reader, Law, Cardiff University  
Senior representative, local authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Sharing best practice and establishing productive joint-working between environmental regulators in the UK**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 11.15 Break
- 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 11.30 **Priorities for biodiversity protection and recovery in Wales**  
*implementation of statutory duties and targets | improving environmental outcomes | tackling biodiversity loss | species and habitats preservation | embedding biodiversity conservation principles throughout decision-making at all levels*  
**Brad Welch**, Land Use and Nature Recovery Manager, Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority  
**Dr Pippa Wood**, Associate Ecologist, Arup  
Senior representative, regulation  
Senior representative, agriculture  
Senior representative, local authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Policy priorities for environmental governance and a Strategic Nature Recovery Framework in Wales**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**  
Senior Member of the Senedd  
**Sean Cudmore**, Policy Forum for Wales