

CRN Spring seminar 2014: Looking towards the future - outdoor recreation in Wales

Date: Friday 16th May 2014 (with option to arrive the evening before)
Location: Stackpole Activity Centre, Pembrokeshire
Time: 09:30 – 13:45
Hosted by: National Trust



Introduction

This seminar will explore recent and ongoing developments in Welsh outdoor recreation, as well as delving into what the future looks like for the sector. An appetite for improved access to the outdoors, combined with major structural changes to the key government bodies which have responsibility for this, provide a colourful array of opportunities and challenges. Delegates will gain an understanding of how changing legislation, major capital spend, and partnership working is changing the outdoor recreation scene across Wales, now and in the future.

Thursday 15th May (early arrivals)

18:00 Arrive at Stackpole Centre
19:00 Beach BBQ (or wet weather dinner alternative)
Overnight accommodation at Stackpole centre

Friday 16th May (seminar)

09:30 Seminar registration
Tea/coffee

09:45 Welcome and introduction to Seminar: ***What is happening in Wales for outdoor recreation – the opportunities and challenges this is posing.***

10:00 **Keynote 1: Developing and managing the Wales Coastal Path**
Richard Neale, National Trust
Elinor Gwynne, Natural Resources Wales

Developed by the Welsh Government in partnership with Natural Resources Wales (formerly Countryside Council for Wales), sixteen local authorities and two national parks, this 870 mile path provides a continuous walking route around the whole of Wales – from the outskirts of Chester in the north to Chepstow in the south. Some 20% of the path is owned by the National Trust.

The path is as near to the coast as legally and physically practicable, whilst fully taking into account the needs of health and safety, land management and conservation. It was officially opened in May 2012.

Richard will take us through the benefits of it's introduction, while Elinor will discuss the path's impacts on historic and nature conservation.

10:45 **Keynote 2: Developing integrated legislation for outdoor recreation**

Catrin Dellar, Welsh Government

In 2013 the Welsh Government announced a review of existing legislation and guidance relating to access and outdoor recreation. The aim is to secure better access to the outdoors for recreation, modernise and simplify the current regulatory framework, and provide clarity and certainty over where people can go and what they can do there.

Catrin will talk to us about the process of developing integrated legislation for outdoor recreation, and provide an overview and update on the Welsh Government's consultation and its current priorities for access.

11:30 **Keynote 3: Challenges and opportunities facing Natural Resources Wales (NRW)**

Emyr Roberts, CEO Natural Resources Wales

NRW brings together the work of the Countryside Council for Wales, Environment Agency Wales and Forestry Commission Wales, as well as some functions of Welsh Government. Their purpose is to ensure that the natural resources of Wales are sustainably maintained, enhanced and used, now and in the future. This presentation will look at the many challenges and opportunities facing NRW, it's priorities for 2014-15 and beyond, and how it can build on the existing partnerships with organisations like the National Trust.

12:15 Questions

12:40 Summary

12:45 Lunch

13:45 Depart

Cost:

Package	Includes	Full cost	Executive member discounted rate (-15%)	Support member discounted rate (-10%)
Seminar	Friday: Seminar and lunch	£50.00	£42.50	£45.00

Seminar with overnight accommodation	Thursday: Accommodation Friday: Breakfast, seminar, lunch	£99.50	£92.00	£94.00
Seminar with overnight accommodation and dinner	Thursday: Dinner and accommodation Friday: Breakfast, seminar, lunch	£114.50	£107.00	£109.50

Booking:

To Book:

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