

# The Rivers Trust Annual Conference

Agenda | Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Water at the heart of climate resilience

## Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Introduction to the conference

Chair: Laurence Couldrick – CEO, Westcountry Rivers Trust

### 09.00 Welcome keynote

- Laurence Couldrick

### 09.15 Introduction to Interreg EU Triple-C project

- Diego Intrigliolo – Senior Scientist, Center for Edaphology and Applied Biology of Segura

### 09.25 Keynote speech – Tony Juniper

- Chair, Natural England

### 09.45 Break

## Protecting Water Resources

Chair: Laurence Couldrick

### 10.00 Project spotlight: PROWATER

- Jan Staes – Senior Researcher, University of Antwerp

### 10:15 Project spotlight: Water for Tomorrow

- Jessie Leach – East of England Project Officer, The Rivers Trust/Norfolk Rivers Trust

### 10:30 Project spotlight: Source to Tap

- Lisa Stewart – Source to Tap Project Officer, The Rivers Trust

### 10:45 Q&A

- Jan Staes, Jessie Leach, Lisa Stewart

### 11.00 Break

**Holding Water Back**  
**Chair: Christine Colvin –**  
**Director for Partnerships & Communications, The Rivers Trust**

**11.15 Project spotlight: TRIPLE C Partnership**

- Stephen Dury – Senior Commissioning Officer (Water & Environment), Somerset County Council

**11.30 Project spotlight: Natural Course**

- Tom Smart - Lead Advisor, Urban and Wetlands Team, Natural England

**11.45 Project spotlight: WaterCoG**

- Barry Bendall – Operations Director, The Rivers Trust

**12.00 Project spotlight: Topsoil**

- Mike Müller-Petke - Head of Department, Geoelectric and Magnetics, Leibniz Institute for Applied Geophysics

**12:15 Q&A**

- Stephen Dury, Tom Smart, Barry Bendall, Mike Müller-Petke

**12.30 End**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Introduction to the day**  
**Chair: Mark Lloyd – CEO, The Rivers Trust**

**09.00 Keynote speech – Liv Garfield**  
- CEO, Severn Trent

**Abundance and Scarcity: Climate-related water challenges**  
**Chair: Mark Lloyd**

**09.20 Project spotlight: FReSH Water Programme**  
- Mike Blackmore – Head of Project Delivery, Wessex Rivers Trust

**09.35 Technology for resilience: NFM Dashboard**  
- David Johnson – Technical Director, The Rivers Trust  
- Heather Bell – GIS Analyst, The Rivers Trust

**09.50 Q&A**  
- Mike Blackmore, David Johnson, Heather Bell

**10.00 Break**

**Climate Resilience, the individual, and communities**  
**Chair: Christine Colvin –**  
**Director for Partnerships & Communications, The Rivers Trust**

**10.15 Keynote speech – Simone Ahiaku**  
- Campaigning and Influencing Consultant, NUS

**10.35 Act for Eden: Encouraging Individual Action for Rivers**  
- Julie Lawrence – Head of Engagement, Eden Rivers Trust

**10.55 Panel discussion: Individual action and collective resilience**  
- Kat Hardcastle - CEO, River Nene Regional Partnership (chair)  
- Simon Levey – Communications Manager, Grantham Institute – Climate Change and the Environment  
- Julie Lawrence – Head of Engagement, Eden Rivers Trust  
- Shu Liang – Founder & Director, Stichting Day of Adaptation/Deep Adaptation Advocate, Deep Adaptation Forum  
- Anne Wambui Mumbi – Doctoral Scholar, Kochi University of Japan

**11.25 Q&A with panellists**

**11.45 Break**

**Spotlight on Projects and Partnerships**  
**Chair: Michelle Walker – Deputy Technical Director, The Rivers Trust**

**12.00 United Utilities**

- Sarah Jenner – Strategic Catchment Planning Manager, United Utilities

**12.15 A stronger catchment focus for water resources**

- Rory Callan – Senior Advisor (Sustainable Abstraction Team), Environment Agency

**12.30 Resilient chalk streams**

- Martin Bowes – Water Resources Environment Manager, Anglian Water

- John Bolton – Anglian Water

**12.45 Q&A**

- Sarah Jenner, Rory Callan, Martin Bowes

**13.00 Lunch break**

**Thriving River and Land Environments**  
**Chair: Arlin Rickard – Chair, CaBA National Support Group**

**13.45 Floodplain Meadows Partnership**

- Emma Rothero – Partnership Manager, Floodplain Meadows Partnership

**14.05 Trees for Water**

- Alex Adam – Water Stewardship Manager, The Rivers Trust

- Richard Higgs – Water Programme Manager, National Trust

- Adrian Southern – Head of Landscape Scale Delivery, Woodland Trust

**14.20 River Buffers: Catchment-scale natural river restoration**

- James Wallace – Chief Executive, Beaver Trust

- Alex Adam – Water Stewardship Manager, The Rivers Trust

- Richard Bramley – Farmer and Environment Forum, National Farmers Union

- Malcolm Horne – Head of Water Environment, Severn Trent

- Feargal Sharkey - Chairman, Amwell Magna Fishery
- Victoria Vyvyan – Vice President, Country Land and Business Association

**15.00 Keynote speech – Mark Lloyd**

- CEO, The Rivers Trust

15.30 End

