

Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the Environment Platform Wales (EPW) newsletter. EPW aims to increase the quality and relevance of evidence available for environmental management and policy making in Wales. We do this by supporting researchers to engage directly with Welsh Government and Natural Resources Wales through workshops and working groups and by supporting the development of large-scale funding applications that have direct relevance to Welsh policy makers.



New Staff

We welcome our new Partnership Officer, Catherine Arnold, to the team. Catherine has joined us from the British Red Cross, where she worked in public education. Catherine has an academic background in Water Science, Policy and Management.

Student Careers

This March, EPW visited a number of Welsh careers fairs to discuss careers in the environmental and sustainability sector with students.

We have launched a 'careers hub' on our website to complement advice from university careers teams.

Our discussions with students highlighted the need for information relating to work experience opportunities in the environmental sector.

If you would like to discuss work placements for students in your organisation, please get in touch.

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**Better Water Quality for Wales
Conference**

27 - 29 June 2023

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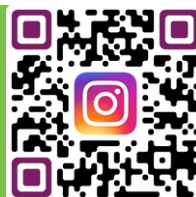
Insights Wales

Thanks to everyone who has presented on our Insight Wales talk series this year. Over 600 people have registered for the series, giving them access to 20 presentations. If you would like to register and attend one of the six remaining presentations (See below) in this academic year, please sign up [here](#).

- 3rd May – Dr Leshan Uggalla, University of South Wales – Air Quality Monitoring
- 10th May – Dr David Kidner, University of South Wales – Aerial Surveys
- 17th May – Chris Harris, Coed y Bont Community Woodland Project
- 24th May – Liz Chadwick / Eleanor Keen – The Cardiff Otter Project
- 7th June – Tania Sharman, Princetown University – Outdoor human thermal comfort and urban heat island in local climate zones in Cardiff
- 14th June – Tom Overton – The Bike Lock

Recordings are available [on our website](#) for previous talks.

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Reservoir Research Community of Interest #ResRes

Our reservoir water quality group was formed to enable water companies and other organisations with an interest in reservoir management to share experiences between themselves and researchers in order to better understand the issues and identify targeted management options associated with water reservoir management.



Professional Institute Membership

In February and March we hosted three panel discussions with members from CIWEM, the Institute of Chartered Foresters and the Institute of Fisheries Management. In these events, the panelists discussed the benefits of membership of a professional institute and to their personal career journeys. You can view these events on [our website](#)

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Better Water Quality for Wales Conference 27-29th June

EPW is hosting a Better Water Quality for Wales conference with a view to identifying the key knowledge and research gaps relating to:

- Eutrophication of Freshwaters
- Emerging Contaminants
- Inland Bathing Waters
- Wastewater Management

A registration call will be issued shortly; if you are interested in presenting and/or attending, please email us.



Earth Observation Program for Welsh Universities

EPW have facilitated the roll-out of the Welsh Government Earth Observation Program. There are 100 individual researcher contracts at each of the eight Welsh universities. The data providers, Planet Labs, in conjunction with Environment Platform Wales, have presented a series of training webinars for end-users ([recordings available here](#)). We will be holding an in-person workshop at the Centre of Alternative Technology on 8th June 2023. Please contact us if interested.



Marine and Coastal Evidence Needs

EPW are helping to disseminate Natural Resources Wales' high priority marine and coastal evidence needs within research communities in our partner universities.

By aligning your research interests with the evidence needs of NRW, you could provide important evidence to support those regulating and managing the Welsh Environment. For more information, [see our website](#).

Our researcher database is expanding

EPW have over 630 environmental researchers listed on our website. You can search the database by theme or by name. Join EPW's database of environmental researchers [here](#) or by scanning the QR code:

Thanks for reading our newsletter!
Please let us know if you have any comments or queries.

