

Environment Platform Wales Newsletter | Spring 2026

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Welcome to the Environment Platform Wales Spring 2026 Newsletter. We are delighted that the Platform has been funded through 2026 by Welsh Government enabling us to push ahead with our summer program.

2026: Springing into Action



Sequestration of Expertise at the Wales Blue Carbon Forum

The Wales Blue Carbon Forum held a face-to-face meeting in early March, hosted by Marine Centre Wales, Bangor University. More than 25 attendees shared their research around carbon sequestration and the role of sea grass and salt marsh in particular. Slides and recordings from the event are available on our website at:

<https://epwales.org.uk/blue-carbon-forum-for-wales-spring-2026/>

Students inspired by exceptional environmental career journeys



On 16th March 2026, Environment Platform Wales hosted six speakers from across public, private, academic and third sector organisations. The panel was attended by over 40 students keen to bolster their career chances. Recordings of the talks will be made available at: <https://epwales.org.uk/find-your-future-in-an-environmental-career/>

EPW Supports Successful Cardiff Met led project

Following the success of the 'Women, Technology and Climate Resilience in Morocco' project, a second project on 'Strengthening Climate Resilience in Morocco through Technology-Driven Research and Innovation in Smart Cities, Urban Edges, and Rural Areas', is being delivered by Cardiff Met University (led by Dr Issam Damaj) in partnership with Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P), Marrakesh. See: www.climatemorocco.org



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Bright IDEAS for choosing an impactful dissertation topic



We are encouraging students and their supervisors to focus on **Impactful Dissertations for Environment And Sustainability** (IDEAS) selecting a real-world evidence need upon which to base their project. To aid this process we have compiled a searchable database comprising of hundreds of environmental research questions which can be explored to find the inspiration for your project. Find out more at: <https://epwales.org.uk/bright-ideas/>

PhD placements

Environment Platform Wales are supporting Welsh Government and Natural Resources Wales to promote a range of 3-month PhD placements.

Current Opportunities include **three Welsh Government** placements on Air Quality Evidence

For more information, please see: <https://epwales.org.uk/doctoral-training/>

Update your Environmental Researcher Database profile

Environment Platform Wales have established a database of over 650 environmental researchers based at Welsh universities and institutions. You can update or create your researcher profile or search for potential collaborators on our website at: <https://epwales.org.uk/research/>



Environmental Careers Workshop Roadshow

Environment Platform Wales delivered careers workshops to over 600 students this spring. We presented in-person at Bangor University and through the Aberystwyth University's Virtual Careers Fair.

We have also attended: Careers Fair and Sustainability Employers Meet-and-Greet at Cardiff University; Ocean Sciences Careers Fair at Bangor University and Cardiff Metropolitan University Enterprise Forum, to discuss live briefs and Bright IDEAS for student research projects.

Green Skills for College Students

Environment Platform Wales supported Welsh Government's Green Skills Roadshow. Visiting colleges in Llangefni, Wrexham, Ystrad Mynach and Pembroke, environmental careers advice was provided to students .



Coming up...

Dates for the Diary

Insights Wales Knowledge Exchange Weekly Webinar | April

Weekly Environmental Knowledge Exchange Webinar Wednesdays | 13:00–14:00 GMT

15/04/2026	<u>Gareth Davies</u> Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)	<u>See Cymru Differently: helping people with sight loss to access designated landscapes</u>
22/04/2026	<u>Jonathan Hulson</u> North Wales Wildlife Trust & Continuous Cover Forestry Group	<u>Continuous Cover Forestry in Wales</u>
29/04/2026	<u>Dr Melissa Minter; Tom Finch</u> , RSPB	<u>Treescape expansion for net zero: how aligned are stakeholder preferences to national objectives?</u>

View the full 2026 program at: <https://epwales.org.uk/insights-wales-cipolwg-cymru-2025-2026/>

Communities of Research (CoR)

Environment Platform Wales host a number of thematic Communities of Research. Upcoming meetings, being hosted on MS Teams, include:

16/04/2026 11:00 - 12:30	AMR in the Environment CoR	Teams
23/04/2026 to 24/04/2026	Air Quality CoR @ the Community of Air Quality Effects Researchers (CAPER) Annual Conference	Bangor
19/05/2026 14:30 - 16:00	Nature Based Solutions CoR	Teams
09/06/2026 9:30 to 11:00	Wales Blue Carbon Forum	Teams

To find out more, please visit: <https://epwales.org.uk/communities-of-research/> and to register and interest in joining a group please email: info@epwales.org.uk