

Scotland's Environment Web

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Understanding the state of the environment

Friday 13 March 2015

at [John McIntyre Conference Centre](#) Edinburgh University

Understanding the state of the environment around us is important to inform and influence a range of decisions and activities carried out by all sectors of our society. Reporting on the state of the environment identifies the challenges we face and what is being done to solve any problems. It provides an invaluable source of information for all those interested and involved in protecting and improving the quality of the environment we live in.

At the conference, we will consider the findings of the **European environment – state and outlook 2015**, published by the European Environment Agency on 4th March. The report will help us to understand the challenges facing Europe, and you can provide feedback at the event on how they should be tackled.

Closer to home, we will focus on **Scotland's state of the environment report** - hearing from the Editorial Group about the process of producing a report that involved some of the country's leading experts and its key findings.

Find out more about some of the exciting developments on the European LIFE+ funded **Scotland's Environment website** and how the Scottish Environment Protection Agency has been working with a range of partners in developing a trusted gateway to information and data about Scotland's environment.

Guest speakers

- **Paul McAleavey** European Environment Agency
- **Cathy Maguire** European Environment Agency

Don't miss out. Book your place today.

Access to this event is by online registration only. The number of places will be limited so please [REGISTER ONLINE](#) now to avoid missing out.

Joining instructions will be emailed to you before the event.

There will be a live web stream of the morning session. If you are interested in receiving further details, go to the [ONLINE REGISTRATION](#) page.

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The Programme

9:30am: doors open

9:30am to 10:20am: registration

10:30am: Conference opens: welcome and introductions

10:40am: The European Environment – state and outlook 2015
European Environment Agency

12:10pm: Scotland's state of the environment report
Editorial group

12:45pm: Lunch and a chance for you to network

1:45pm: Scotland's Environment Web LIFE+ project
Scottish Environment Protection Agency

2:10pm: Introduction to workshop sessions
Delegates can attend 2 workshop sessions on the following topics:

1. Running a LIFE+ project
2. Scotland's Environment Web - an open data journey
3. New ways of interacting with data using Spotfire
4. Engaging young people and citizen science
5. Mapping spatial data from multiple sources

2:15pm: Workshop session one

2:50pm: Workshop session two

3.30pm: Conference closes: coffee and biscuits and a chance to network

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