

Wales Ancient Woodland Conference

Tuesday 16 October 2016

9.30am - 4pm

Haford Y Hendre, Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd, Powys, LD2 3SY

This conference will take in the views from the forestry sector, hear from woodland owners and managers who restore and manage Ancient Woodland plus get an update on support and funding available in Wales for these truly important sites.

Don't miss your chance to contribute to safeguarding and enhancing Wales's most ecologically valuable woodland sites.

9.30-10am	Registration, Case study displays, refreshments
10am	Morning speakers
12.30pm-1.30pm	Hot forest themed lunch
1.30pm	Afternoon Workshops
3.30pm	Group Discussions and Plenary
4pm	Close

Welcome: Natalie Buttriss, Wales Director, Woodland Trust in Wales

Chairs address: Shireen Chambers, CEO Institute of Chartered Foresters

Speakers: Andy Pore, SelectFor – The economics of continuous cover forestry and its role in ancient woodland transformation. Tom Curtis – the evidence behind the argument for gradual restoration – why it shouldn't be treated the same as secondary woodland. NRW representative – Ancient Woodland restoration progress and ambition on the Welsh Government Woodland Estate.

Questions to the panel of speakers.

Afternoon workshops will focus on three key themes plus a chance to learn more from various examples presented by practitioners of other projects showing ancient woodland restoration in practice:

Skills & Training – what can the sector and professional organisations do to share or gain expertise on specialist technical subjects like PAWS transformation?

Resilience & Economics – discussing the long term outputs of restoration and is it a sustainable solution to improve the ecological resilience of our woodlands?

Support & Funding – discussing the current funding opportunities and support available, how to access it and how to go about finding more.

Participants

Forestry sector professionals; woodland owners and managers; environmental professionals with a forestry focus or a landscape approach to biodiversity & connectivity, forestry students.

Booking is essential as numbers are limited.

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Lunch and refreshments will be provided with only a minimal charge of £15 towards the cost of the conference. For more information contact Laura Shewring on laurashewring@woodlandtrust.org.uk or telephone 0343 7705533 (direct line so leave a message and I'll get back to you).