

Biodiversity Science Conference

8th-9th November 2016

Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh

Connecting People and Environment

The relationships between people and the environment are central to both driving and addressing the major current threats to biodiversity.

- There is growing concern that many people are becoming increasingly disconnected from their environment.
- Conserving biodiversity, and sustainably managing our environment, needs an understanding of how people interact with the environment to produce the benefits that they receive and to find ways to overcome barriers to sustainably managing the land.
- Addressing and understanding these issues – which are at the heart of current efforts to conserve biodiversity – needs a wide range of research skills and disciplines. Reflecting this the Biodiversity Science Conference is aiming to take a multi-disciplinary look at the ways in which people and their environment interact, and the consequences of this for sustainable land management and biodiversity conservation in Scotland.

The science conference will once again be linked to a British Ecological Society policy training day for Early Career Researchers (ECR). This will take place on 8th November prior to the science conference, and will also be held at the RBGE. It will give early career scientists an insight into the processes of environmental policy making, including an understanding of how to feed research results into the policy making process. It will involve talks from those involved in environmental policy making, as well as interactive sessions and opportunities for networking.

Programme information for both days is available at
www.biodiversityscotland.gov.uk

Detailed information on registration for both the Science Conference and the Policy Training Day will be available via [Eventbrite](#).

15 travel & accommodation reimbursements are available for ECRs (PhD students and those no more than 5 years post-PhD)

This is a joint meeting organised by the Science Support Group of the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy, the British Ecological Society, and the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management, and co-sponsored by the Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh and RSPB Centre for Conservation Science.

