**Call for Papers: Seminar on PLACE BASED CITIZEN SCIENCE**

***Place Based Citizen Science for Human Health and Environmental Wellbeing: Building conceptual and practical approaches for understanding how and why ‘place’ matters for science and society***

**Cardiff, UK. Jointly hosted by the Sustainable Places Research, Cardiff University and the British Ecological Society, Citizen Science SIG**

Deadline for papers: 14 June **2019**

Date of event: **14 August 2019**

This call for papers (CfP) for the a one-day seminar to be held at Cardiff University (School of Social Sciences) invites submissions of papers that explore social processes involving place, the natural world and citizen science.  Our objective is to have an event at the cutting edge of place-based analysis of the interactions between communities and science. Presenters may be invited to contribute to a special issue of journal if their paper is of an excellent quality.

The interactions between the citizen and science increasingly have become the focus of social analyses and scrutiny, and are the subject of national and local policy initiatives around engaging communities in environmental protection and sustainable development.  Social research has shown how citizen science may provide opportunities for communities affected by environmental degradation and to educate young people and families. Meanwhile, theoretical conceptualizations of place-based approaches can improve understanding about relationships that people have to the environment through geography, meaning and identity. Here the concept of place can help us to think more deeply about the scale at which environmental concerns matter to people and their capacity to contribute to knowledge and affect change.

Research further indicates that community-focused science initiates can enhance engagement and contribute to community wellbeing, for instance through capacity-building and autonomy, while initiatives can also improve the impact of citizen science, such as ensuring that it is robust enough to stand up to ethical and scientific scrutiny.  There has been increasing interest in 'co-benefits' associated with citizen science programmes designed to address environmental issues, for example, improved and more regular data collection, along with contributions from local experts.

Papers are invited that address one or more of the following:

•        Social theories of place and science-nature connections.

•        Co-production and citizen-led science.

•        Environmental justice, environment and community wellbeing.

•        Place-based, community or extreme citizen science

•        Environmental policy and/or governance informed by citizen science

•        Beyond science impacts: rethinking citizen science.

**Submission**

Offers of papers may be sent to: sustainableplaces@cardiff.ac.uk

Abstracts should be no more than 500 words, and will be blind reviewed following the closing date.  Presenters will be informed of the decision within two weeks of the closing date.

**Further Information**

The event will start at 9.30 am and finish at 4.30pm. If you wish to book trains or bus, these are within walking distance to Cardiff University. Registration will be online at **British Ecological Society https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/place-based-citizen-science-for-wellbeing-conceptual-and-practical-understandings-of-place-for-tickets-61999427958**

Please note that there are a few subsidised places available (including two international places). Please see BES website for details.

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