

The North East of England is the Best Place to Be

North East England Nature Partnership 2017 Conference

Conference Chair: Jude Leitch, Director, Northumberland Tourism

Outline programme

09:45 – 10:00 Registration and refreshments

10:00 – 10:05 Welcome, Frank Major, NEENP Chairman & Jude Leitch

10:05 – 10:20 Our North East LNP journey, Stuart Timmis, NEENP board member & Head of Planning Durham County Council

10:20 – 10:40 Hans Moller, Innovation Director, North East Local Enterprise Partnership

10:40 – 11:10 **Panel questions & audience electronic voting on NEENP priorities and role**

11:10 – 11:30 Prof Mark Whittingham, Biology dept, Newcastle University

11:30 – 11:50 Guest speaker: A discussion with Paul Brannen, North East Member of the European Parliament & Environment Committee - An insider's perspective on the challenges and opportunities of leaving the EU

11:50 – 12:00 **Panel questions & audience electronic voting on NEENP biodiversity priorities**

12:00 – 13:00 LUNCH

13:00 – 13:20 Prof Chris Drinkwater, Chair of Ways to Wellness social prescribing project.

13:20 – 13:40 NELNP Showcasing - The Heritage Lottery Funded 'Wildground Project', Nikki Woodward.

This is an opportunity for a North East environment project with a strong collaboration theme to share their story and hopes for project sustainability.

13:40 – 14:00 **Panel questions & audience electronic voting on NEENP health and wellbeing priorities**

14:00 – 14:40 NELNP launches, Paul Black, Riverfoss Investors in the Environment (iiE)

- The business benefits of being iiE accredited. Laura McVittie, Commuter Centre Manager & Laura Barber, Sustainability Manager, Quorum Business Park
- Capability Foundation, Ian Brown, Trustee
 - Why Capability and why now?

14:40 - 14:55 **Panel questions**

14:55 – 15:10 **Audience voting results**

15:10 – 15:15 Summary and close, Jude Leitch

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