

Dialogue Between Disciplines

22nd September 2026

Broadway House, London

The Institution
of Environmental
Sciences

Conference



Collaborating for systems change	09:00	Registration, networking & refreshments
	09:30	Welcome & introduction Kerry Dinsmore, Chair
	09:35	IES Community updates IES Community Reps
	09:55	Keynote: The benefits of interdisciplinary working and the importance of co-design Gideon Henderson, University of Oxford, Chair of the Met Office Science Advisory Committee, Senior Independent Member of NERC Council, and a Non-Executive Director of Fera Science. Former Chief Scientific Advisor and Director General for Science and Analysis at Defra
	10:20	Systems approaches to the built environment TBC
	10:35	Consensus building across stakeholders TBC
	10:50	Q&A session (and chair summary)
	11:00	Refreshments
	11:25	Workshop 1: Building effective communication skills TBC
Interdisciplinarity in action	12:30	Lunch
	13:30	Keynote 2 TBC
	13:55	Case study 1: Air pollution science and policy Dr Sarah Moller, Knowledge Exchange and Senior Research Fellow, University of York - AIR
	14:05	Case study 2: Beyond silos: An integrated sustainability hierarchy framework, from interdisciplinary collaboration at the Science-Policy Interface Melissa Wang, Senior Scientist, Greenpeace International
	14:15	Case study 3: The application of systems benefits modelling to the Anglian Water Fenland Reservoirs scheme Simon Spooner, Technical Director, AkinsRéalisis
	14:25	Case study 4: Enabling nature-based solutions TBC
	14:35	Panel session
	15:00	Refreshments
	15:20	Workshop 2: Collaborative working across disciplines and sectors - Toolkit launch Birgitta Gatersleben & Anita Lateano, ACCESS
	16:45	Wrap up: Reflections on the day and what is next?
	17:00	Conference close