**Business Case to Attend Dialogue Between Disciplines 2025**

This document is intended to support those seeking to obtain approval to attend the Dialogue Between Disciplines conference. Please feel free to edit so that it best suits your own personal requirements. If you have any questions, or require any further support, please contact Sian Kear, Events & Training Lead at events@the-ies.org.

**Submitted by:**

**Job title:**

**Department:**

**Date of submission:**

**Event Details**

**Conference:** Dialogue Between Disciplines

**Organiser:** The Institution of Environmental Sciences

**Date(s):** Monday 23rd June 2025

**Location:** Woburn House, Tavistock Square, London, WV1H 9HQ

**Website:** https://www.the-ies.org/events/dialogue-between-disciplines-2025

**Purpose of Attendance**

I am seeking approval to attend Dialogue Between Disciplines 2025. Attendance at this event provides insight into systems thinking approaches and interdisciplinary working through engaging presentations, case studies, Q&A sessions, and workshops. Not only will this provide knowledge-sharing and networking/collaborative opportunities, but also the development of practical skills in diagramming systems thinking, taking a systems thinking approach to nature based solutions, and improving the effectiveness of discussion and decision-making.

**Alignment with Organisational Goals/Priorities**

* Insert how this supports your organisational goals/priorities e.g. sustainability, reaching net zero, etc.

**Benefits to the Organisation**

* Alignment with our organisational goals/priorities on…
* Cost-effective and high impact professional development at a time when CPD budgets are limited.
* Access to sector-leading expertise and case studies, with sessions led by leaders recognised as experts in their field.
* Development of practical skills in applying systems thinking and working effectively across specialisms/sectors that can be immediately applied to your own work.
* Improved effectiveness of cross-discipline working within the organisation.
* Networking and partnership opportunities that can lead to future collaboration and knowledge sharing.
* Broader organisational impact, as I will share a full summary with my team post-event to ensure wider learning.

**Estimated Costs**

Dialogue Between Disciplines is competitively priced and offers excellent value for money whilst delivering high quality content and drawing sector experts to both speak and attend.

**Note:** Those working for a local authority, NGO/charity, academic institution, students/graduates (not yet in employment), post-doctoral researchers, those that are retired, on a career break, or out of work are entitled to discounted tickets.

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| **Item** | **Cost** |
| **Conference ticket** (delete as appropriate) | £200 / 160 / 100 |
| **Travel** | £ |
| **Accommodation** | £ |
| **Expenses e.g. subsistence** | £ |
| **Total** | £ |

**Return on Investment**

Following the conference, I will produce a post-conference summary with key takeaways and resources to share with the wider team. I will:

* Identify at least two actionable initiatives, tools, or approaches that can be applied internally to enhance our work.
* Connect with institutions facing similar challenges to explore opportunities for collaboration, joint projects, or knowledge exchange.
* Deliver a brief internal presentation or debrief to share insights and foster wider organisational learning.

This will help ensure that the investment benefits not only my own development but also contributes directly to team knowledge, project delivery, and sector benchmarking.

**Relevant Conference Sessions and Strategic Alignment**

The following sessions will directly support my own/our team/the organisations goals/priorities:

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| **Session Title** | **Organisational Goal/Priority Addressed** | **Expected Benefit or Application** |
| E.g. Promoting the Circular Economy: A Case Study of Interdisciplinary Dialogue | E.g. Reaching net zero | E.g. New approaches, case study insights, practical skills, partnership opportunities |
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**Request for Approval**

I request approval to attend Dialogue Between Disciplines 2025 and believe that this will support both my own professional development and fulfilling our organisational goals.

**Approval**

**Print name:** ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

**Signature:** ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

**Job title:** …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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