

Unknown Wales 2017

A day to celebrate Welsh wildlife



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National Museum Cardiff

Admission free

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leave your details and number of places required.**

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Join us for this year's Unknown Wales and discover more secret stars of Wales' fauna and flora. This year we highlight the world of water, looking at the habitats and life in rivers and the sea, both from the past and living today. We also discover some Welsh rarities of the feathered and amphibious varieties.

- 10.00 – 10.30 **Arrival for tea and coffee**
- 10.30 – 10.35 Introduction to the day by the chair
- 10.35 – 11.05 Steve Ormerod: "If there were only water": waste or wonderland in Welsh rivers?
T.S. Eliot's lines from 'The Waste Land' imagine a world bereft of water with all the sound, life and human sustenance that stems from it. But what is the reality?
- 11.05 – 11.35 Mandy Cartwright: Natterjack toad re-introduction project in north Wales
Wales' rarest amphibian: 20 years of conservation investment in North Wales
- 11.35 – 11.50 **Comfort Break**
- 11.50 – 12.20 Caroline Buttler: Fossil bryozoans – a somewhat neglected phylum!
Bryozoans are the most common but least well-known fossils in Wales, revealing much about Welsh palaeobiogeography.
- 12.20 – 12.50 Sarah Perry: Living legends of the Sea
The marine megafauna of Cardigan Bay and Living Seas' research and conservation work
- 12.50 – 13.55 **Lunch Break** (buy from the museum café or bring your own)
- 13.55 – 14.00 Afternoon Session Welcome
- 14.00 – 14.30 Leanne Cullen-Unsworth: Wales' undersea gardens
Exploring the humble seagrass meadow.
- 14.30 – 15.00 Andy Mackie: The wonderful diversity of Welsh worms
Segmented worms (annelids) exhibit a great variety of form and function, on land, in freshwater, and especially in the sea.
- 15.00 – 15.30 Stephen Roberts: The Honey Buzzard – Wales' secret raptor
The rare and mysterious insect-eating bird of prey finding it's home in Wales
- 15.30 **Conference Close**