

**Making a Splash: Providing Opportunities for Water Based Recreation
on Inland Waters
28th October 2009
Sheffield Centre in the park, Norfolk Park**



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Please tick the 2 workshops of your choice:

- Safety
- Canoe Trails
- Access to reservoirs
- Waterway Volunteering

Second preferred workshop:

A copy of the conference proceedings publication is also included in the price

More information about the event/ venue will be sent to you prior to the event.

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Please complete and return the form by post, fax or alternatively email your details to the address below:

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Target Audience

Anyone with an interest in planning and providing for water based recreation; particularly land owners or managers in the public and private sector who feel the resource they look after may not be fulfilling its potential or where there are conflicts to reconcile between the various stakeholders. User groups, clubs or individuals who seek more access and planners, leisure officers, consultants and governing bodies of sport who have a key enabling role. The seminar will be of particular value to the staff and Members the statutory bodies, National Parks and Agencies who wish to enhance their knowledge of the issues involved.

There are 50 places available for this seminar

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Delegate Fee: £150

A Countryside Recreation Network Event

For CMA members, this event attracts 10 continued Professional Development (CPD) points

Background:

Concerns about recreational access to inland water have been evident for many years. Different approaches have been adopted in the countries of the UK but is the resource truly fulfilling its potential?

In England and Wales where the issues are perhaps most focussed some of the principal user groups feel strongly that the extent of access is inadequate and whilst research has shown that there is little widespread unmet demand would better provision lead to increases in participation? As strategies for water recreation are being developed in the English Regions and a plan has been published for Wales with funding from Welsh Assembly Government to make it happen it is important that we learn from the experience of different providers. The way forward may lie in a hybrid approach based on different scenarios to maximising the opportunities available? There is lots of good practice out there but are we maximising the opportunities to learn from each other and are we really meeting users needs?

This event will afford the opportunity to explore the issues and learn from the various approaches in the hope that everyone who wishes to participate in water based recreation can have the opportunity to do so.

Aims of the event:

To explore the issues relating to water based recreation and considers how to meet the needs of users. The event will examine:

The case for a strategic planned approach in England and Wales, how Scotland has approached the issues. There will be an opportunity to explore whether inland water is fulfilling its potential, to dispel some myths about liability and what is required to manage risk. A key element is to hear about good practice and what works!

Workshops Format:

4 afternoon workshops. running parallel. Delegates will be able to attend 2 out of 4.

Workshops will start with a short presentation followed by discussion

Workshop 1: Safety - Danger no swimming - David Walker, RoSPA

Workshop 2: The development of Canoe Trails in Northern Ireland - Sarah Noble, CAAN

Workshop 3: Access to reservoirs - Andrew Parsons, South West Lakes Trust

Workshop 4: Waterway volunteering - Lucy Bowles, British Waterways

Chair: Geoff Hughes, CRN Chair

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- 09.30 Registration and refreshments
- 10.00 Introduction and welcome by Chair - *Geoff Hughes*- CRN Chair
- 10.15 Identifying the need- Strategic Planning for Water Related Sport and Recreation: Who Wants What? The likely beneficiaries from different water space- Dr Neil Ravenscroft- University of Brighton
- 10.45 The Scottish Experience of Water Recreation- Rob Garner- SNH
- 11.15 Refreshments
- 11.30 Managing Rivers for Multiple Use- Wye and Usk Case Study- Matt Strickland- Environment Agency Wales
- 12.00 Q&A with morning speakers
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.15 Welcome back from the Chair

Afternoon workshops: Managing and Developing Water Recreation

4 afternoon workshops running parallel.

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- 13.25-14.25 Workshop
- 14.25 Refreshments
- 14.35- 15.35 Workshop
- 15.35 Summary
- 16.00 CLOSE