



Thames Regional  
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INVITE and agenda - 2019 [Integrated Catchment Delivery](#) events

## A systems approach to finding common ground: The environment, partnerships and governance - identifying shared priorities for action informing local and national approaches

An inclusive event hosted by Imperial College London, Open University, Catchment Based Approach and Regional Flood and Coastal Committees

**Date:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March Birmingham, The Studio and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March Mary Ward House, 5-7 Tavistock Place, London. **Contact:** [sophie@ciwem.org](mailto:sophie@ciwem.org) for bookings

**Why?** This follows a National Water Leaders Group meeting in October 2018 where action was agreed to understand and improve the role of partnerships in helping “to leave our environment in a better state within our generation”. This is how we are moving into a new era, engaging and improving programmes for flood, stewardship and our environment while preparing for EU Exit. There is a wider desire to improve understanding of the environment system, identifying gaps and shared priorities for action that partnerships can take. This workshop aims to involve people in positive action, share inspiring examples and describing the physical environment and social system.

### ‘Organisational’ interests

- Catchment Partnerships, Local Nature Partnerships and Flood Action Groups
- Regional Flood and Coastal Committees (RFCCs) for informing Environment and other sub groups being established
- Local Enterprise Partnerships – creating and funding successful local infrastructure strategies and catchment infrastructure plans
- Coastal Groups – enhancing Shoreline Management Plans and place based partnerships
- Water companies for successful co-creation of Drainage and Wastewater Management Plans and building catchment resilience
- Businesses – enhancing effective engagement on sustainable future resources
- Defra – Area Integrated Plans, Natural Capital Plans and 2021 River Basin Management Plans and Flood Risk Management Plans
- Defra Pioneers
- Government - 25 Year Environment Plan, Industrial Strategy and Clean Air Strategy

### Anticipated benefits from attending these workshops

- Sharing practice – hearing and discussing inspiring partnership approaches
- Energise business and communities: inform your approach with shared priorities for action
- Improving understanding of current partnerships and how we can improve ways of working
- Respond to industry challenge such as sustainable drainage and more focus on source and pathway solutions to significant environment challenges
- Report: shared priorities for action over time, actions to improve the system locally and nationally informing the Governments 25 Year Environment Plan framework for action
- Transferrable methodology you can use for systems working and opportunity to create a mandate to support local systems workshops across the UK



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## Programme

**9.00 to 10.00 Arrive and networking**

**10.00 to 10.15**

**7 March Welcome**, John Adams, Conservation Lead English Severn and Wye Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

**14 March Welcome**, Robert Van De Noort, Chair Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

**10.15 to 10.30 why are we using a systems approach and what are the benefits?**

Ana Mijic Imperial College London Systems Water Management Environment Agency NERC Innovation Fellow, Natalie Foster Open University, Dom Martyn Catchment Based Approach National Support Group

**10.30 to 10.50 Inspirational partnerships and governance approaches** – elevator pitches and lunch time market place promotions!

**10.50 to 11.00 Explain method for workshops and breakout groups**

**11.00 to 12.30 your environment as a system** – building on up to date work: what are your activities in your natural environment, how do your activities interact with the natural environment and how are you benefiting /impacted by your natural environment?

**12.30 to 1.30 Lunch** - kindly provided by the Environment Agency. **Market place demonstrations on inspirational partnerships and governance approaches**

**1.30 to 2.45 our social system for partnerships and governance.** What does this system look like? Who do you work with, why, how effective is this and why?

**2.30 to 2.45 teas, coffees and water**

**2.45 to 3.15 shared priorities for action. What's emerging?** Discussing gaps and opportunities looking at the coupled physical and social systems. Discuss and agree immediate and medium to longer term action with a group/organisation/person you are wanting to build relationships with

**3.15 to 4.00 plenary** - shared priorities for action, what would success look like, when is the opportunity for who and agreeing next steps

*Thank you for attending and have a safe journey home. Please hand in your feedback form before you go to one of the workshop organisers. Thank you.*

Please see these websites for more information:

<https://www.therrc.co.uk/integrated-catchment-delivery-events-2019>

<https://www.therrc.co.uk/integrated-catchment-delivery-events-2017-18>

<https://www.ciwem.org/events/workshop-integrated-catchment-delivery>