



# Weathering the Storm - Practical Ways to Communicate Climate Change

**BGEN Annual Conference**

**19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 at Ness Botanic Gardens**

BGEN's annual conference will explore our current understanding of climate change and the challenges faced by educators and botanic gardens.

This year's themes will:

- **Explore the scientific reality of climate change**
- **Share ideas for effective public engagement**
- **Suggest practical approaches to teaching and learning about climate change**

Workshops from:

- The Forestry Commission
- The National Trust
- The Woodland Trust
- Eden Project
- Oxford Climate Exchange
- BGCI & Royal Botanic Gardens Kew

# Programme

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

10.00am Registration, coffee, sign up for workshops

10.45am Welcome by chair of BGEN  
**Ben Oliver, Westonbirt Arboretum**

11.00am **How to think about a changing climate**  
Dr Chris West, Director, UK Climate Impact Programme

11.30am **Phenology - the ideal climate change indicator**  
Professor Tim Sparks, UK Phenology Network

12.00am Sign up for workshops,

12.15pm LUNCH

1.15pm **WORKSHOP SESSION 1**

**G** **Voice Your Choice – a role play activity on climate change.**  
Gail Bromley, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Julia Willison, BGCI.

**B** **Forests for the Future - creating a climate change education programme at Westonbirt.**  
Sarah Wilkinson, Climate Change Interpretation Officer, & Christine Meakin, Education Supervisor, Westonbirt Arboretum, Forestry Commission

**C** **Saving the planet can be fun! – Simple ideas to help make a difference**  
Dawn Macdonald, The National Trust

2.30pm **WORKSHOP SESSION 2**

**D** **THEMED GARDEN TOURS**  
Education - Becky Ford

**E** Horticultural – Paul Cook

**F** Botanical – Dr Hugh McAllister

3.45pm Tea Break

4.20pm **WORKSHOP SESSION 3**

**G** **Voice Your Choice – a role play activity on climate change.**  
Gail Bromley, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Julia Willison, BGCI.

**H** **What your garden is telling you about climate change – recording nature's calendar through the seasons**  
Kate Lewthwaite, The Woodland Trust

**I** **Climate Change Revolution.** Eden Project

5.15pm Wrap up - Ben Oliver  
5.30pm End of Day One

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

10.00am Welcome to Ness by **Kevin Reid, Director, Ness Botanic Gardens**

10.15am **You Me and the Climate Change Youth Project**  
Dan Rose & Sally Wintle, National Trust

10.45am **Plants and Climate Change: messages for education.**  
Belinda Hawkins, BGCI

11.15am Tea/Coffee

11.45am **BGEN News session**

12.15pm LUNCH

1.15pm **WORKSHOP SESSION 4**

**A Engage for action: climate change communication opportunities in Botanic Gardens**  
Jo Hamilton, Oxford Climate Exchange

**B Forests for the Future - creating a climate change education programme at Westonbirt**  
Sarah Wilkinson, Climate Change Interpretation Officer, & Christine Meakin, Education Supervisor, Westonbirt Arboretum, Forestry Commission

**C Saving the planet can be fun! – Simple ideas to help make a difference**  
Dawn Macdonald, The National Trust

2.30pm **WORKSHOP SESSION 5**

**A Engage for action: climate change communication opportunities in Botanic Gardens**  
Jo Hamilton, Oxford Climate Exchange

**H What your garden is telling you about climate change – recording nature's calendar through the seasons**  
Kate Lewthwaite, The Woodland Trust

**I Climate Change Revolution - Eden Project**

3.45 Tea and plenary session

4.15 End of Conference

## Conference Venue

The Conference will take place at:

Ness Botanic Gardens

Ness

Neston

South Wirral

CH64 4AY

[www.nessgardens.org.uk](http://www.nessgardens.org.uk)

## Accommodation

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at a preferential rate at the Macdonald Craxton Wood Hotel, Parkgate Road, Ledsham, Nr Chester. The cost of rooms is £70 single occupancy and £80 double occupancy including breakfast. You should contact the hotel to reserve rooms on 0844 8799038 quoting the reference **KEWW181109**

[www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/craxtonwood](http://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/craxtonwood)

## Cost

The cost includes conference registration fee, conference pack, tour of the garden, lunch, tea and coffee on each day and Conference Dinner at the Craxton Wood hotel on Thursday evening.

Please note that the cost **does not** include accommodation.

Early Bird Rate - £150 for members booking on or before 16th October 2009

Late Rate - £180 for members booking after 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Non Members Early Bird Rate - £200 when booking on or before 16th October 2009

Non Members Late Rate - £240 if booking after 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Day Rate – £100 when booking on or before 16th October 2009

Day Rate - £125 when booking after 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009

(Does not include conference dinner on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009)

## How to Book

Fill in the attached booking form and return to:

Ann Walford (BGEN Administrator), c/o Museum 1, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB. E-mail: [bgen@kew.org](mailto:bgen@kew.org); Fax: 020 8241 8915 Mobile: 07748 005826

Office use only:

Date received	
Invoice sent	
Payment received	
Cheque no.	
Receipt sent	
Delegate no.	

## **BGEN Annual Conference 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

### **“Weathering the Storm – Practical Ways to Communicate Climate Change”**

*Ness Botanic Gardens*

#### **Booking form**

Please use one form per person – photocopy if necessary. \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:**

**Organisation:**

**Address:**

**Tel:**

**Fax:**

**Email:**

#### **Conference fees**

The cost includes conference registration fee, conference pack, tour of the garden, lunch, tea and coffee on each day, and Conference Dinner. Please note that the cost **does not** include accommodation.

	Early	Late* After 16 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Full conference</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> BGEN/PlantNetwork members	£ 150	£ 180
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-members	£ 200	£ 230
or		
<input type="checkbox"/> Daily rate	£100	£125

Please indicate which day(s) you will attend:

- Thursday (does not include conference dinner)  
 Friday  
 Optional donation to BGEN

**Grand total:**

\*Bookings received after **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct** will be subject to late booking rates.

\*\*Final booking deadline: **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November\*\***

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Accommodation is NOT included in the conference fee, and delegates should make their own arrangements.

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#### **Payment details**

- I enclose a cheque payable to  
**Botanic Gardens Education Network** for £ .....
- Please invoice me / my organisation for £ .....
- I require a receipt  
Please note BGEN is not VAT-registered; no VAT is charged nor can it be reclaimed.

#### **Your involvement in the conference**

##### **Members news and announcements (Friday)**

Would you like to offer an item of news? Yes   
Topic(s):

##### **Poster session**

Are you presenting a poster or other materials? Yes   
Details and space requirements:

#### **Other information**

Do you have special access requirements? **Y / N**  
Please give details:

Special dietary needs: **Vegetarian/ Vegan/ Other/ None**  
Please give details:

**Signed:**

**Date:**

By registering for the conference, delegates agree to have their photographs taken. These photographs may be used by BGEN or associated organisations for publicity or other purposes.

**Cancellation Policy:** Please note that any cancellations received after 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009 will incur an administrative fee of £40. No refunds can be given after 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009. We will however be happy to transfer places on the conference.

<p><b>Please return to:</b></p> <p>Ann Walford (BGEN Administrator)  c/o Museum 1, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew  Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB  E-mail: bgen@kew.org  Fax: 020 8241 8915; Mobile: 07748 005826</p>
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