



ReMeMaRe conference 2025

Restoring estuarine, marine & coastal habitats

Outline programme and call for abstracts



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Outline programme



The Environment Agency, The Crown Estate, and Ocean and Coastal Futures have come together for the Restoring Meadow, Marsh, and Reef (ReMeMaRe) Conference 2025.

Bringing together restoration practitioners, Government bodies, environmental Non-Government Organisations, industry and businesses, from across the UK and internationally, with a shared vision to restore our estuaries and coasts. Providing a welcoming space for knowledge exchange and discussion on the latest developments in coastal restoration science, practice, and policy.

Across two days, the 2025 programme will highlight current and future opportunities and challenges, illustrating progress and evolving practice and discussing how we achieve our restoration targets.

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Abstract call

Abstracts are invited for ten-minute presentations and poster submissions, with a deadline of 28 April.

We welcome abstracts which address one or more of the six themes of the conference, which are:

- Source to Sea,
- Cultural Heritage,
- Restoring Together: Empowering Communities,
- Restoration Science,
- Restoration in Action,
- Valuing Restoration.

As well as the individual themes we have an overarching theme which we wish to explore: we have a keen interest to hear from projects and partnerships which connect the importance of restoration to the growth of the economy, as well as to people.

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Presentations (deadline for abstract 28 April 2025)

If you would like to give a presentation at the conference which relate to any of the themes, please download the template and submit an abstract to: conference@coastms.co.uk. [Download the abstract template here](#).

Posters (deadline for abstract 28 April 2025)

We would encourage anyone to submit a poster abstract which fits within our session themes, especially those within early career/research roles. Please download the template and submit an abstract to: conference@coastms.co.uk. [Download the abstract template here](#).

Posters will be displayed at the venue throughout the event for people to view and discuss with presenters to help generate further ideas, collaborations and partnerships. There will be a reception for delegates on the first day of the conference to further stimulate the creative process.

Speakers and poster presenters will be informed of the outcome of their submission in late mid/late-May.

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Outline themes

1. Source to Sea

This theme focuses on the critical connectivity between freshwater and marine ecosystems and why source to sea system thinking is required for both active restoration, and natural recovery of our seascapes. It aims to highlight the integrated approaches needed to manage the source to sea catchment, and the tools which we can use to support restoration . We want to showcase real life examples of the broader range of benefits which are achieved when we have a coordinated approach from source to sea.

2. Cultural Heritage

The Cultural Heritage theme explores the historical and cultural significance of estuarine and coastal habitats and human connectivity to those habitats. It aims to demonstrate how restoration efforts can preserve and celebrate cultural values, helping people connect to past and present by linking ecological restoration with the rich cultural narratives that have shaped these land and seascapes.

3. Restoring Together: Empowering Communities

This theme focuses on showcasing on the ground best practice for empowering, engaging, and building local capacity in communities. Of, particular interest, is engagement with deprived coastal communities and the role restoration activity can have in supporting opportunities for increasing growth and wellbeing outcomes. It covers strategies for effective community involvement, showcasing success stories of citizen science, ocean literacy, and community-driven initiatives that foster a sense of ownership and collaboration.

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4. Restoration Science

The Science theme delves into the latest breakthroughs and insights in Seagrass, Saltmarsh, Native Oyster, and Kelp restoration science. It presents cutting-edge research on coastal and estuarine ecosystems, addresses scientific challenges, and identifies knowledge gaps that need to be bridged to achieve large-scale, effective restoration.

5. Restoration in Action

Restoration in Action highlights practical experiences and lessons learned from hands-on restoration projects across the UK and internationally. It features case studies that showcase restoration in action, highlighting innovative activities at individual habitat level, but also shifting our approaches to seascape scale projects. It will share valuable insights and best practices from the field to inspire and guide future restoration endeavours.

6. Valuing Restoration

This theme aims to capture different elements on how we value restoration. This includes showcasing the best practice approaches that have led to successful investment in projects/programmes. We hope to explore topics such as the use of Natural Capital Approaches, and specific ecosystem services benefits (such as climate change mitigation, social, wellbeing, biodiversity or economic benefits).

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About

ReMeMaRe Restoring Meadow, Marsh and Reef (ReMeMaRe) (pronounced “re-memory”), is an ambitious habitat restoration initiative, which aims to address baseline shift and reverse centuries of decline of three of our priority estuarine and coastal habitats: seagrass meadows, saltmarshes and European native oyster reefs. By restoring these precious estuarine and coastal ecosystems, we are enhancing society's connection to the natural world, whilst delivering Nature-based Solutions (NbS) that address issues such as climate change, loss of biodiversity, sustainable food, health and well-being, as well as the socio-economic benefits of recreation and tourism that can help to alleviate deprivation in coastal towns.

Ocean and Coastal Futures is on a mission to improve coastal and ocean management. We do this through convening, connecting and spreading knowledge. We are the home of OCF news, jobs and events, including the long-running Coastal Futures conference, which have been focal points for the UK ocean, coastal and water sectors for over three decades. Together with the Environment Agency, we have hosted the annual ocean restoration conference series since 2019.

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Venue

The conference will once again take place next to the waves, overlooking the beach, at the historic Scarborough Spa. A reception for delegates at the end of the first day will allow an opportunity for informal and lively discussions, as well as a chance to meet with old and new colleagues.

Throughout the two days, you will also have the chance to meet our sponsors and view the posters on display. The town is served by regular trains running between London & Edinburgh, changing at York, and lines from Birmingham, Manchester and the South West.

Scarborough Spa, South Bay, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, YO11 2HD.
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Delegate rates

	In-Person	Online
Full	£145 +vat	£60 +vat
Concession*	£85 +vat	£40 +vat

* Concessions: Full-time students, unemployed, benefits recipients, registered disabled (+free companion)

Rates include refreshments, food and conference reception

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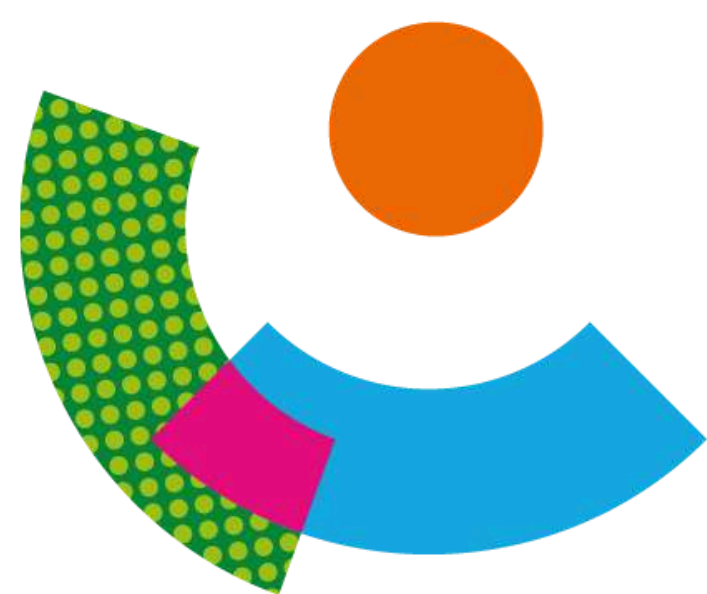
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