

# UKELA 2020 in numbers



## EVENTS WENT VIRAL

We could not meet with many of you in person but we made the best of it; invested in the technology, got to grips with the new digital platforms and managed to see you via Zoom. One huge bonus of moving online was the increased number of registrations and fabulous feedback telling us how much you enjoyed being able to attend any event, no matter the location. Despite the challenging times, UKELA was proud to deliver:

- **19 FREE events for members**
- **18 online webinars**
- **7 live events pre lock down**
- **2 online conferences - Annual & Scottish**
- **1 online Moot Competition for students**
- **1 online Wildlife Law 5-day course**

And thank you for just under 2000 registrations booked for our events in 2020!



## ANNUAL CONFERENCE WAS LIKE NO OTHER

Hosting this year's Annual Conference in Plymouth was not meant to be but we enjoyed bringing Plymouth to life with images of the city and intended venue throughout our webpages, slides and social media. Moving the Conference online in three months was no easy feat but the feedback made it worthwhile. We made the 1 1/2 day conference FREE to members as a thank you for supporting us this year. 2020 Conference was possible thanks to:

- **547 delegates**
- **22 speakers**
- **6 plenaries**
- **5 Working Party sessions**
- **5 sponsors**
- **4 virtual bars**
- **4 vegan recipes & 9 mock/ cocktail ideas**
- **1 after dinner speaker**
- **1 keynote address**
- **1 dedicated website**
- **1 art exhibition**
- **1 yoga class, 1 quiz & 1 choir**



## GARNER LECTURE WAS A VIRTUAL SUCCESS

This year we were not able to gather in Freshfields' auditorium in London and at venues around the UK. But as a first for UKELA we had live audio questions from members of the virtual audience during the Q&A session. This turned out to be a wonderful way to create intimacy and connection between our speaker, chair and delegates, and resulted in a truly moving personal discussion.

- **1 impressive speaker, Judy Ling Wong CBE whose lecture brought to life the highly topical theme of diversity and inclusion for everyone in environmental law**
- **1 sponsor**
- **2020 has seen a revolution in creating a more accessible way to reach all our members across the UK and overseas. We will embrace virtual access to our future events in 2021 and beyond**



## OUR READING ROOM EXPANDED

The virtual shelves of our website Reading Room are now heavy with new digital content created this year to help you keep in touch. If you have not already, pull up a chair and take your pick from our library:

- **10 'In conversation with...' interviews with our Chair, Kirsty Schneeberger with a range of UKELA members about how they are coping with the impact of Covid-19 from both a business and personal perspective**
- **10 webinar videos of our events to play back**
- **10 responses to government consultations**
- **6 editions of e-law**
- **1 podcast**



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## KEEPING UKELA SHIPSHAPE

UKELA has always relied on an efficient small staff team and the voluntary support of many engaged members to keep nimble and effective. This has been the case since UKELA formed over thirty years' ago in 1988 and holds true even more in these tough times. During 2020 we have prepared our Five Year Strategy to take us to 2025. We are excited to share this with members later this month. UKELA is all of the following:

- **10 Working Parties**
- **6 Regional Groups**
- **4 staff members (with a headcount of just over 2)**
- **3 Devolved Administration Teams**
- **2 Special Interest Groups**
- **1 strong Trustee Board**



## IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU - OUR MEMBERS

We could not have got through this year without the continued support and encouragement from our members, which have increased in number throughout 2020. We applaud each and every one of you:

- **1589 individual members**
- **272 student members**
- **84 corporate members**
- **25 international members**
- **And thank you to every individual who has helped us raise close to £6000 in donations, and to all our corporate sponsors who have helped us achieve so much. Like many charities our income has been severely impacted this year. We appreciate every penny**

