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UKELA Annual Conference 2019 Sheffield

Please join us for UKELA's 2019 Annual Conference. Taking place from 28 to 30 June 2019, we are delighted to be at Sheffield University, a world top 100 university in the heart of Sheffield city centre.

UKELA's Annual Conference remains the UK's leading environmental law conference. Now in its 32nd year, our conferences attract a broad range of professionals and students and eminent speakers from across the globe.

Our speakers and plenary sessions spread over two days will cover the critical topics coming across your desk right now and you will have plenty of insights and news items to take back and share with your colleagues and clients after the conference. Our plenaries will address:

- **Who is responsible for environmental protection: individuals or regulators?**
- **What are the environmental issues impacting businesses and directors today?**
- **What are the latest developments in public health and what proactive measures can be taken to improve the urban environment and the lives of those living in them?**
- **Regeneration of industrial heartlands – how remediation can transform and create aspirational places**
- **The ever-popular updates on the latest key court cases and other legal updates that you need to know about**
- **Greentech and innovation – what is blockchain and can it help fight climate change? What are Sheffield-based businesses doing in the greentech space?**

- **Finally, we will consider the environmental implications of Brexit and what's happening in the US and elsewhere**

In addition to the formal content, there will be ample time for networking, seeing some of the local attractions and enjoying the social programme that we have put together.

We start promptly at 11.20am on Friday morning – but why not join us from Thursday evening to be part of our wellbeing sessions bright and early the next morning. We hope to offer options such as walking and running clubs, yoga and mindfulness across the weekend.

And finally, if the rich social and legal content is not enough, then prepare to be wowed at our Gala Dinner on Saturday evening. This year, we are heading to one of Sheffield's premier locations, the Cutlers' Hall – a magnificent Grade 2 listed building home to the Company of Cutlers, responsible for the growth of local industry.

We look forward to seeing you in Sheffield! Yer'll 'ave a reyt good time.

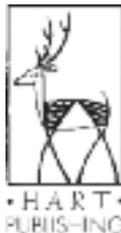
“This year we've moved away from a specific conference theme and will instead offer a broad range of topics that will address many of the issues on your desks. We like to try something new at each UKELA Annual Conference and this year we have designed the programme to include a series of opportunities for fresh voices and new opinions to be heard – we are very excited about that. We are confident that Sheffield will be a popular conference so please book early”

Ben Stansfield, Gowling WLG, Chair of 2019 Conference Organising Committee

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Simon Tilling, Burges Salmon, UKELA Vice Chair

Friday 28 June

08:30

Morning activity for those staying over and new to conference



If you've stayed overnight then you've got time to start the day right! Once you have registered for the conference, please keep an eye out for future communications about this.

10:30

Coffee and registration

11:20

Welcome from Conference Chair: **Ben Stansfield, Gowling WLG**

11:25

Setting the scene: Lord Carnwath, The Supreme Court

11:35 – 13:00

Plenary One: Who Is Responsible for the Environment – Individuals or Regulators?

Whose environment is it anyway? Is the protection of our environment the responsibility of individuals or regulators? Recycling our household waste, using fewer plastic bottles and turning off lights at home isn't going to save the world, but what happens when we act collectively? What other easy wins are there for the environment? In addition to personal responsibility, we will hear from the CEO of one of the most innovative environmental regulators in the world to get an insight into what 21st Century regulation looks like.



Chair: **Rt Hon. Sir Keith Lindblom, Court of Appeal**

Speakers:

- **Nick Dunlop, Secretary General Climate Parliament**
- **Professor Eloise Scotford, UCL**
- **Terry A'Hearn, CEO SEPA**

- 13:00 – 13:20 Guest Speaker: **James Pereira QC**, Francis Taylor Building, “Individual and Workplace Ecology”
- 13:20 – 14:15 Lunch
- 14:15 – 14:45 Key Note Speaker: **Chris Packham**, Broadcaster and Naturalist
- 14:45 – 14:55 Speakers Corner 1

14:55 – 16:15 **Plenary Two: Environmental Responsibilities (and Liabilities) for Business**

Businesses are increasingly under pressure from their customers, shareholders and employees to do more than the bare minimum to comply with environmental regulations; and many businesses now acknowledge that good environmental citizenship is in fact critical to their long term success. In this plenary you will hear the latest on what duties directors and companies have with respect to the environment, particularly with respect to reporting. You will also hear first-hand about how insolvency practitioners deal practically with environmental issues and finally, what's on the Environment Agency's to-do list when it comes to regulating business. Don't write your 2019/20 business plan until you've been to this session!



Chair: **Rose Grogan**, 39 Essex Chambers

Speakers:

- **Claire Gregory**, Pinsent Masons
- **Peter Kellett**, Director of Legal Services, Environment Agency
- **Speaker invited**

16:15 – 16:20 Speakers Corner

16:20 – 16:45 Afternoon tea

“I've attended many UKELA conferences over the years and they always surpass expectations – great content, different locations but above all, a fantastic opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues”

Paul Davies, Latham & Watkins LLP

UKELA's newest Working Party is "Public Health & Environmental Law" and has already drawn-in active participants from a wide variety of our membership. The working party has organised some very successful meetings already and is excited to host its first conference plenary. Do please get in touch with the Chair (and WP Co-ordinator) Veneta Cooney if you want to join up!

The state of the environment is making us ill. The impact of pollution and the depletion of nature on our health warrants a seismic shift in narrative about why environmental protection is essential not only for future generations but for our families here and now.

This plenary will explore the consequences of environmentally-related illness and explain why we need to change political and societal attitudes in order to tackle the threat of ecological collapse.



Chair: **Dr Veneta Cooney, UKELA Trustee**

Speakers:

- **Dr Andrew Lee, University of Sheffield**
- **Professor Lorraine Maltby, University of Sheffield**

“The UKELA conference is always the first one I book to attend each year. It is a priority for me because of the mix of attendees: the conference is not lawyers speaking to lawyers – there are speakers and attendees from industry, NGOs, government, regulators and academia and I really value the range of views and voices. Plus everyone is very friendly and welcoming”

Estelle Dehon, Cornerstone Barristers

17:30 – 18:15 **Plenary Four – Education**

Keeping up to date with the latest developments in environmental law and practice is one of the hardest aspects of our professional lives – law and policy changes regularly and UKELA members need to stay abreast of changes both domestically and internationally. This plenary will give delegates a critical overview of recent case-law decisions and the headline changes arising from new statutory instruments and the Environment Bill.



Chair: **Dr Paul Stookes, UKELA WP and Brexit Advisor**

Speakers:

- **Matthew Fraser, Landmark Chambers**
- **Simone Davidson and Sophie Wilkinson, Lexis Nexis**
- **Paul Stookes, UKELA**

18:15 – 18:30 AGM

Friday night **UKELAfest – with special guest, Magid Mah, Lord Mayor Sheffield**

The social and networking event of the UKELA calendar! Friday nights at UKELA conferences are relaxed and informal and are a great opportunity to mingle and meet new friends and colleagues. This year we have a ‘festival’ theme, so come along, enjoy some street food, music, and other entertainment. Hopefully we will avoid the festival traditions of rain and mud!

“I’ve been coming to UKELA conferences since 2012 and it’s always one of the highlights of my year. The presentations are interesting and informative and it is a welcoming environment to socialise and make new contacts. One of my research interests is the regulation of technology and innovation so I’m particularly looking forward to the plenary on green innovation.”

Dr Olivia Hamlyn, University of Leicester

Saturday 29 June

07:00-07:45 UKELA Run Club/Pilates Club/Yoga Club

If you didn't manage to fit in a work-out yesterday, then make sure you sign-up for the UKELA exercise club! It's a fun networking event designed to blow away the cobwebs from the night before.



08:45 – 09:15 Keynote Speaker – **Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester** (invited)

09:15 – 10:00 **Plenary Five: Regeneration, Remediation and Revolution?**

The UK has been developing regeneration schemes and remediation of brownfield sites for many years, but where are we in 2019? How far have we come and what challenges still face the industry in terms of planning, environmental regulation, and ensuring we have a positive impact on society through these schemes? This session aims to discuss key issues, review some previous project examples, and look to the future with respect to policy, regulation and trends in the evolution of regeneration and remediation schemes.



Chair: **Lucy Thomas, Head of Science, RSK**

Speakers:

- **Peter Henry, Regional Director, Harworth Group – Case Study**
- **Steve Dunlop, Chief Executive Scottish Enterprise**

10:00 – 10:05 Speakers Corner 3

“This year, we are excited to trial a new addition to conference – the Speakers' Corner – it will give opportunities for us to hear new voices and fresh opinions on environmental issues. Look out for more details as we get nearer to conference!”

Emma Lui, Conference Organising Committee

10:05 – 11:20 **Plenary Six: Green Innovation**

Greentech and cleantech are fast-becoming the norm. The pace of change is impressive and seems set to increase year on year. Hear our panel of experts deconstruct the new economy – highlighting how blockchain is set to engage in the fight against climate change and explaining how two local business are making their mark in the green economy.



Chair: **Will Upton QC, 6 Pump Court**

Speakers:

- **Alistair Marke, Secretary-General of the Blockchain Climate Institute**
- **Karen Mignone, Xeros Technology, Sheffield**
- **Nicola Ham Edmonds, Head of Legal ITM Power, Sheffield**

11:20 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 11:50 Speakers Corner

“The UKELA conference is always a great opportunity to network with a broader group of co-professionals than I would normally get time with and in a genuinely informal and relaxed setting. I am excited that this year's agenda reflects the breadth of issues facing the environmental field, spanning from contaminated land to blockchain.”

Tim Clare, Anthesis Group

BREXIT has dominated the political and legal headlines for two years and will likely do so for many more years. At the time of going to press, we don't know what the landscape will look like at the time of our conference – will we have had a 2nd referendum and remain in the EU? Will we have left the EU completely, or will we be in a transition phase? Given the uncertainty, we don't know what our distinguished panellists will be speaking about – in all probability things will change rapidly until the day of the conference!



We have invited leading experts on environmental and international law and policy to discuss Brexit and its impact on environmental law at home and abroad. And we won't be restricting our panellists to an "inside out" review, but instead we will hear from eminent speakers on what the rest of the world is thinking...

Chair: **Karen Blair, Cleaver Fulton Rankin**

Speakers:

- **Evanna Fruithof, Director Bar Council Brussels (pre-recorded film)**
- **Amy Edwards, Holland & Knight, US ABA SEER Chair**
- **Martin Baxter, Executive Director of Policy at IEMA**
- **Professor Richard Macrory, UCL**
- **Tom Burke, UKELA Patron**

13:15 Lunch – packed lunch and WP sessions

14:30 Saturday afternoon excursions (see below for details)

Gala Dinner 7.30pm drinks reception, followed by dinner at 8pm

After dinner speaker (invited)

“The UKELA Conference is a calendar highlight in the environmental law arena – it consistently provides high quality and informative sessions and a fantastic platform for networking”
Lucy Bruce Jones, Of Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP

LIMITED EARLY BIRD DELEGATE RATES ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL 28TH FEBRUARY 2019
(*RATES FROM 1ST MARCH 2019*)

Ticket types

	Member	Non-member
Residential Package (Standard)	£525 (*£545*)	£625 (*£645*)
Residential Package (for New to Conference only)	£480 (*£500*)	£580 (*£600*)
Residential Package (Discount)	£250 (*£270*)	n/a
Residential Package (Public Sector)	£405 (*£425*)	n/a
Residential Package (Student)	£130 (*£150*)	n/a
Day Delegate Package (no accommodation)	£465 (*£485*)	£565 (*£585*)

The above package prices are per person to include the following:

Residential Package

- Friday 28th June – lunch, conference sessions, evening buffet dinner and en-suite accommodation on campus (shared en-suite facilities for student tickets)
- Saturday 29th June – breakfast, conference & working party sessions, lunch, gala dinner and en-suite accommodation on campus (shared en-suite facilities for student tickets)
- Sunday 30th June – breakfast

Day Delegate Package

- Friday 28th June – lunch, conference sessions and evening buffet dinner
- Saturday 29th June – conference & working party sessions, lunch and gala dinner

Special Rates

- New to Conference – For anyone who has not been to a previous UKELA Annual Conference, this special rate is just for you.
- Discounted Places – For Members only. If you are low waged or unwaged this rate is for you (eg those working in NGOs, academics, trainee solicitors and pupil barristers). UKELA retains final approval on discounted places. Do please contact us if you are unsure whether or not you qualify.
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