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Volunteering and the Inland Waterways

Thousands of people in the UK volunteer every day making a real difference to their communities with an estimated benefit to the UK economy of £27.5 billion.

The inland waterways are indebted to volunteers for ensuring that many of the canals and navigable rivers which are now taken for granted and enjoyed by communities across the country have been restored from dereliction. Indeed, the 'third sector' continues to be involved in around 80 waterway restoration schemes nationally.

However, the scope for waterways volunteering can extend far beyond restoration projects and navigation authorities are now looking seriously at how waterways volunteering can become more accessible to local communities, and how best to engage volunteers for mutual benefit.

This conference is an important step in our journey to better understand existing and potential volunteering across the waterways. It has three principal objectives:

- **to raise awareness of the value of volunteering and the associated opportunities for the nation's inland waterways**
- **to identify effective approaches with a view to their potential application in the management and use of the inland waterways**
- **to consider how navigation authorities, working in partnership with the voluntary sector, can develop a cohesive strategic approach to volunteering as a key element of their role as custodians of the inland waterways**

Registration is FREE

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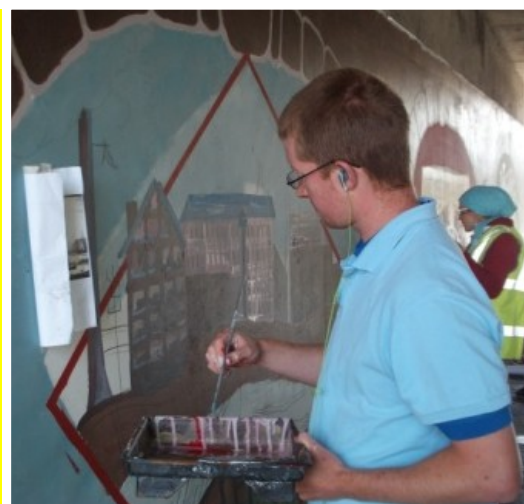
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KEYNOTE ADDRESS



Huw Irranca-Davies, MP
Defra Minister with
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Why come along?

This conference will appeal to all waterway stakeholders including those working for navigation authorities, local authorities, officials within government departments, and waterway user groups; in addition to those engaged more widely across all elements of the third sector including organisations which promote and facilitate volunteering, volunteering managers and volunteers themselves.

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10:25	Welcome and opening remarks Stuart Taylor, AINA Chairman	12:30	The Worcestershire Wardens Project: a multi-agency approach Andy Maginnis, Countryside Manager, Worcestershire County Council
10:30	Keynote address Huw Irranca-Davies MP, Defra Minister with responsibility for waterways	12:45	Questions and discussion
10:50	Policy panel: Challenges and opportunities for volunteering Sophie Chapman, Policy Manager, Participation Team, Cabinet Office, Office of the Third Sector Justin Davis-Smith, Chief Executive, Volunteering England Tom Levitt MP, Chair All Party Parliamentary Group on Communities and the Voluntary Sector	13:15	Lunch
11:20	Questions and discussion	14:15	The Waterways Revolution – the under 25s take the helm Lucie Unsworth, Youth Involvement Manager, The Waterways Trust
11:45	Refreshment break	14:35	Building communities through the waterways Rose Casey-Challies, National Community Boats Association
12:00	Making connections: visitors, community and volunteering at the National Trust Mark Crosby, Head of Volunteering, The National Trust	14:55	An environment for volunteering Andy Wilkinson, Waterways Development Manager, Environment Agency Anglian Region
12:15	Volunteers, birds....and how we stop the feathers flying! Alan Murray, Head of Volunteering, RSPB	15:15	Real gains for everyone: selling the benefits of waterways volunteering Mike Palmer, Chairman, Waterway Recovery Group
		15:35	Questions and discussion
		16:00	Summing up Stuart Taylor, AINA Chairman
		16:05	Close

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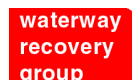
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With thanks to the following for speaking at this conference



HOW TO REGISTER (REGISTRATION IS FREE)

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