

## **Joining Instructions**

**Don Network Day 2019**

**4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**9:30am to 4:00pm**

Hello, and thank you for registering to attend the Don Network Day 2019.

### **Getting to the venue:**

Our venue is: New York Stadium, New York Way, Rotherham, S60 1FJ



The venue is a 10 minute walk from both Rotherham railway and bus stations, and cycle racks are available to use. There is plenty of car parking on site.

### **Lunch and refreshments:**

A buffet lunch will be provided, as well as break refreshments. Please let us know any dietary requirements at the time of booking.

### **Programme:**

There will be table space available for you to bring any literature about your project or organisation.

A timetable of the day is overleaf. The site visit – Masbrough Weir - is a 5 minute walk. This will be the last item in the days programme and is very close to the station, so feel free to head home straight from here rather than returning to the stadium.

Although this is a free event to attend, the Don Network will be paying the venue per head. **Please let us know if you will not be able to attend**, so that we can provide an accurate number of attendees to the venue and make best use of the budget.

If you have any questions or queries ahead of the day you can email [donnetwork@dcr.org.uk](mailto:donnetwork@dcr.org.uk). If you need to contact anyone on the day, Rachel Walker (Project Manager, Don Catchment Rivers Trust) will have her mobile: 07825 706611.

**Thank you!**

**The Don Network team**

## Programme of speakers

09:30am **Arrival and refreshments**

10:00am **Welcome**

David Rowley, Chair, Don Catchment Rivers Trust

10:05am **Update from catchment hosts**

Anthony Downing, Environment Agency

*Over the next few months the Don Network Plan will be reviewed and updated. Anthony will highlight some of the major achievements against the original 'opportunities' and set out how stakeholders can get involved with our next catchment plan.*

10:30am **Yorkshire Water**

11:00am **Natural Flood Management in the Upper Rother Catchment**

Debbie Coldwell, NFM Officer, Don Catchment Rivers Trust

*This talk will give a broad overview of Natural Flood Management and the approach DCRT are taking in the Upper Rother Catchment. We will highlight opportunistic vs strategic delivery, working on privately / publicly owned land, volunteer & contractor delivery, as well as some of the many lessons being learned along the way!*

11:30am **BREAK**

11:45am **Simon Ogden, Sheffield City Council**

12:15pm **The importance of understanding soils in relation to catchment management**

Bruce Lascelles, Director, Environmental Planning, Arcadis

*Soils are highly variable, even at short spatial scales, their characteristics defined by the physical environment (geology (solid and drift), topography, aspect and climate as well as biological influences and time). There are in excess of 700 different soil types in the UK. Soils provide a multitude of ecosystem services, from supporting habitats and land management systems to carbon sequestration, flood risk management and health and wellbeing benefits. Understanding the nature of the soils that lie within a catchment, and how their properties influence the way the system functions, is critical in supporting decision making. This presentation will look at the key soil characteristics and their importance to catchment functioning and management.*

12:45pm **LUNCH**



1:30pm

### **The Living Went**

Chloe Rose, Living Landscapes Assistant, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

*The Living Went project is focussed on improving river habitat for fish and a variety of other species, reducing agricultural run-off and reducing unnatural erosion and sediment. This is through a suite of interventions aimed at enhancing as many sections of the river as possible whilst working on landowner and volunteer engagement programmes. Chloe will be talking about what the Trust has already done and what their plans for the rest of the life of the project are.*

2:00pm

### **Reach-Scale Interventions: Relevant in a Catchment Plan**

Paul Gaskell, Wild Trout Trust

*Any large-scale plan is made up of smaller units of activity that link up to create an overall result. For river catchments, the quality of those individual actions has a compounding effect on the improvement (or decline) in health. Doctor Paul Gaskell of the Wild Trout Trust outlines some simple guiding principles for getting better results at the small scale – with the aim of driving improvements in the catchment as a whole*

2:30pm

### **BREAK**

2:45pm

### **Salmon in the Don catchment ... a progress update!**

Ed Shaw, Director, Don Catchment Rivers Trust (on behalf of project partners)

3:15pm

### **Salmon in the Don catchment ... site visit to Masborough Weir**

4:00pm

### **CLOSE**

