

## Local Action Group Workshop 2011

### 1- Programme

25-26<sup>th</sup> January 2011, Preston Montford, Shrewsbury.

#### Day 1

**11.30** Registration and refreshments.

**12.00** Lunch

**12.45** Welcome – Niall Moore, Head of the Non-native Species Secretariat (NNSS).

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workshop agenda.</li><li>• Progress since last workshop and possible future work.</li></ul> |
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**13.00** Local Action Groups, the GB Strategy and the 'Big Society' (Huw Thomas, Defra).

#### **1) VOLUNTEERS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

**13.30** Talk: The Three Rivers Clean-up (Vic Richardson and Matthew Blumler)

**14.00** Breakout Session.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How can volunteers be engaged/recruited?</li><li>• How can volunteer motivation and engagement be maintained?</li><li>• Sharing experiences and examples of good recruitment of volunteers.</li><li>• How can health and safety/insurance concerns about volunteers be tackled?</li><li>• Share good experiences of communicating with land owners and the public.</li></ul> |
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**15.15** Break and refreshments.

**15.45** Summary of discussions.

**16.15** Talks: Eden Invasives Group (Alison Reed).

Cumbria Freshwater Invasive Non-native Species Initiative (Rebecca Close).

**16.35** Questions and answers.

**17.00** Close.

#### **18.30 Evening Meal**

## Day 2

### **2) TRAINING AND GOOD PRACTICE GUIDANCE**

**9.30** Introduction to the Training Working Group (Olaf Booy & Chris Horrill)

**10.00** Breakout session.

- What training is available and from where?
- How do you find out about relevant training courses?
- What training is needed e.g. for biosecurity?
- Share experiences of good practice.

**11.00** Break and refreshments.

**11.20** Summary of discussions.

**11.40** Talks: Pevensey Levels Floating Pennywort Project (Jane Birch)  
The Medway Valley Giant Hogweed Programme (Andrea Griffiths)

**12.00** Lunch.

- Participants are invited to contribute to poster and leaflets displays.
- WiFi Internet connection will also be available

### **3) FUNDING**

**13.00** Introduction. Experiences of applying for and obtaining funding (Trevor Renals & Mike Sutton-Croft)

**13.30** Breakout session.

- Discuss sources of funding available.
- What kind of work is most likely to get funded?
- Share other experiences of applying for and obtaining funding.
- Are there opportunities for joint funding applications with multiple LAGs?
- Are there opportunities for collaboration with universities/agencies/charities other LAGs?
- Is there a need for NNSS to list funding opportunities as well as volunteer calls, vacancies etc?

**14.30** Break and refreshments.

**15.00** Summary of discussions.

**15.20** Questions and answers.

**16.00** Close.