

Delegate information

Venues

The Oxford Museum of Natural History and the Oxford Martin School

While virtual delegates will participate through Zoom, the in-person event will take place across two venues: our plenary venue, the [Oxford Museum of Natural History \(NHM\)](#), and our additional venue for parallel sessions, the [Oxford Martin School \(OMS\)](#). It is a 5-minute walk between the two venues, and our staff will be able to assist you in traveling between the two. Day 1 will take place solely at the Museum of Natural History, and all days also will begin and end there.

Programme & Schedule

You can explore our [programme page](#) on the [NbS Conference website](#) for our finalized hybrid conference programme, including a list of all 90 speakers who will be sharing their expertise and engaging in stimulating discussions over our 13 sessions. You will also [find the conference schedule here](#) and attached, which will help you navigate the timings of the sessions, breaks, online poster sessions, and, for the in-person attendees, lunches on all three days and dinner and drinks on the evening of Day 2.

Parallel sessions

On days 2 and 3 of the conference (July 6th and 7th), there will be parallel sessions. For in-person attendees only, you will have to select which parallel session you wish to attend in advance by filling out the forms (sent to you in personal email), as the lecture theatre in the OMS (additional venue) only accommodates 120 people, and we have over 300 in-person delegates. We enthusiastically encourage you to sign up for these parallel sessions, as they include critical topics such as NbS governance, NbS in the UK, and urban NbS. There is a separate signup form for each of the four alternative sessions. Please check your inbox for an email from us.

Virtual poster sessions

On all three days, during the lunch breaks, there will be virtual poster sessions where poster presenters will present their work and research and then subsequently engage in discussion and Q&A for an hour-long session. Online delegates will be able to attend these through their regular Zoom links, and in-person attendees will be able to watch these in the NHM Lecture Theatre, after having had your lunch during the first half-hour of the break (see timings on the attached schedule).

Joining online: Zoom links for all

48 hours before the start of the conference, you will receive two unique Zoom links and corresponding passcodes - one Zoom link for the sessions in the Museum of Natural History and the second for the parallel sessions in the Oxford Martin School on days 2 and 3. In-person attendees will also receive these Zoom links, in case you need to miss any sessions or are not able to be present on all of the days. *Please do not share these links* with anybody, as it is your zoom link for you to use exclusively and not to be shared. If you registered for the conference for someone else, please forward them this email and their respective links. When joining the conference on Zoom, ensure that you *use your full name* and the same name you used when registering for the conference, as we must be able to check that you are registered.

Housekeeping for in-person attendees

Arrival & Check-In

Please arrive at the Museum of Natural History at 8:30am on July 5th in order to check-in with our team and receive your lanyard and conference schedule. Please do not be late, as the Welcome Announcement will begin at 9:00am sharp, followed by the Opening Remarks and Keynote talks by Lord Zac Goldsmith (UK Government), Inger Andersen (UNEP), and Prof Pamela McElwee at 9:10am. On days 2 and 3 of the conference, we encourage you to arrive 10-15 minutes before the start of plenary at 9:00am.

Please refrain from bringing luggage to the venue, as there are no storage facilities at the venue, aside from a small 'self-service' coat rack at the registration desk. Please note that we are unable to guarantee the supervision of possessions throughout the duration of the conference.

Covid

You must take a covid rapid Lateral Flow Test on the morning of July 5th before arriving at the conference venue on Day 1. We would also recommend testing on Days 2 and 3 of the conference, to minimize risk of spreading covid. These tests are readily available in pharmacies in the UK at £2 per test (e.g. Boots and Lloyds). We are relying on delegates' honesty and will not be verifying test results, but it is a requirement. If you are feeling unwell with covid-like symptoms before or during the conference, please do not attend the conference and remain in your accommodation until you feel better and have tested negative.

Food & Drink

Tea, coffee, snacks and lunch will be provided during breaks on all three days. Additionally, during the evening of Day 2 (6th July), you will enjoy the sounds of nature with plant-based dinner and drinks in the main hall of the Museum of Natural History, among the exhibits and under Darwin's watchful eye. For the other evenings (Days 1 & 3), Oxford is full of lovely pubs and restaurants, so we are certain you will find good venues for the remaining evenings for food, drink and networking. Here is a list of some suggested pubs and restaurants nearby:

Pubs (most have food & drink)

[Turf Tavern](#)

[Kings Arms](#)

[The Royal Oak](#)

[Red Lion](#)

[The Crown](#)

The Victoria

[The Gardeners Arms](#) (fully vegetarian menu)

[Varsity Club](#) (cocktail rooftop terrace bar - no food)

Restaurants

[Giggling Squid](#)

[Wilding](#)

[White Rabbit](#)

[Parsonage Grill](#)

Travel

We have instructions [on our website](#) on how to get to Oxford by train or bus, or from the different airports in London. Once in Oxford, you will be able to walk to and between most locations. The venue is approximately one mile (a 20 minute walk) from the Oxford Rail Station.

Accommodation

Everyone who has booked their accommodation through us should have already heard from us by now with the details of their accommodation location and check-in times. If you have not yet heard from us about this, please contact nbsconference@zoo.ox.ac.uk immediately. If you are still in urgent need of last-minute accommodation, we recommend you send an inquiry to [Jesus College](#) ASAP to see if they have College accommodation still available, or you can check out other [accommodation suggestions listed on our website](#).

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