

LIFE WATER PLATFORM MEETING
WATER WORKS – overcoming challenges to achieving good water status in urban areas
Hosted by The Environment Agency at
The Museum of Science and Industry, Manchester, UK
AGENDA – 24th May 2016

09:00	Registration
09:30	Session 1 – Meeting the WFD requirements at the EU level Chaired by Donald Lunan
09:40	Opening Address – Hervé Martin, Head of LIFE Environment Unit, A Warm Welcome and Why are we here?
09:50	Keynote Speaker 1 - WFD Challenges in the Urban Environment Claire McCamphill, EU Water Policy Unit, DG ENV
10:15	New technologies to remove endocrine disrupters and micro pollutants LIFE 11 ENV/FR/742 BIOTTOPE Mr Luis CASTILLO (TBC)
10:35	How stakeholders can contribute to reducing water consumption in Malta LIFE10 INF/MT/091 Investing in Water Mr Geoffrey Saliba
10:55	Q & A session chaired by Donald Lunan, Neemo
11:15	Coffee and networking
11:45	Session 2: River Basin Management in the UK Chaired by Lynne Barratt
11:45	River Basin Planning – Our National Approach Keith Ashcroft, Operations Manager Cumbria and Lancashire, The Environment Agency
12:10	The Integrated Project for the North West - rural and urban interfaces LIFE14/UK/IPE/023 Alastair Maltby – The Rivers Trusts
12:30	Keynote speaker 2 - Water in the North West – recent challenges and future solutions Rory Stewart, MP for Cumbria and the Border, Floods Envoy for Cumbria and Lancashire
12:45	Q and A session
13:00	Lunch and networking
14:00	Session 3: Field visits - Organise into 5 tour groups
GROUP 1 Physical Pressures	The Medlock – “turning red river blue”: Mostyn Brook (elements of physical modification and land pollution) – public transport accessible. Rochdale Town Centre Regeneration: with in-stream works/daylighting/fish passes and low carbon energy flood area – public transport accessible.
GROUP 2 Chemical Status	Salford Quays: walking tour of one of first areas of regeneration in Manchester and has significant water quality issues which are being overcome – demonstration of some technical solutions. United Utilities Tour: Visit to one of UKs largest private water companies and an associated beneficiary in the IPE.
GROUP 3 Resource Efficiency	Burley Fields of Manchester Metropolitan University: the building is water neutral and holds greenest university award – demonstrating water saving and climate change – urban green infrastructure
	Evening Free to explore Manchester and visit the many delightful eating places!

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09:15	Session 3: Policy and Practice – common issues and solutions Chaired by Chris People, Neemo		
09:30	Keynote Speaker The Irish Department of Environment (TBC) United Utilities (TBC)		
09:45	Break into three groups		
	GROUP 1 Physical Pressures Group	GROUP 2 Chemical Status Group	GROUP 3 Water Efficiency Group
10:00	WaterLIFE, WWF UK (LIFE13/ENV/UK/497) Rob Collins The CABA Approach to river basin management	AFM, Dryden Aqua Limited (LIFE02/ENV/UK/146) Howard Dryden Innovative filtration media and commercial success after LIFE	HWC (LIFE10 ENV/DE/000158) Kim AUGUSTIN Implementing an integrated and decentralised wastewater disposal and energy generation system for urban housing in Hamburg
10:15	My Favourite River, (LIFE09/ENV/D/011) Barbara Gruter Integrated river management in urban areas	PharmDegrade (LIFE 13 ENV/SI/000466 LIFE) Dr. Maja Zupančič Justin Addressing the pharmaceutical problem in hospital wastewaters	MAC EAU (LIFE11 ENV/FR/000745) Nathalie Briche Reducing the demand on groundwater aquifers
10:30	RII – LIFE. (LIFE11 ENV/IT/000243) Alfredo Caggianelli Rural interventions to reduce urban flooding	LIFE HyMem LIFE12 ENV/PT/001154 Maria João Rosa Advances in membrane technology to improve drinking water against emergent contaminants	LIFE WIRE (LIFE12 ENV/ES/000545) Ignacio Martin Reusing waste water in industry

10:45	Coffee		
11:15	Discussion session facilitated by Lynne Barratt (NEEMO) Francois Delcueillerie (LIFE Unit)	Discussion Session facilitated by Chris People (Neemo) Pavlos Doikos (Neemo)	Discussion Session facilitated by Donald Lunan (Neemo) Sarunas Zableckis (Easme)
12:30	Feedback session to the main group on the three work group findings		
13:00	Closing address – what have we learned? Hervé Martin, Head of Environment, LIFE Unit		
13:15-14:00	Lunch		
14:00	Optional field visit led by the Ribble Rivers Trust to a more rural setting to see the impact rural areas have on urban areas and understand the importance of the integrated approach to River Basin Management Note this tour is only suitable for those with VERY late flights from Manchester or for those people staying an additional night		