

Field Studies Council's 75th Anniversary

The vital nature of field studies

The Linnean Society of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BF

Wednesday 4th December 2019: 11.00 – 17.00, followed by reception

This is a special occasion to mark the 75th Anniversary Year of the Field Studies Council (FSC), and to promote the vital importance of field studies. We are delighted to have the support of so many learned societies and organisations who collectively promote, encourage and rely on field studies.

The speakers have been invited to emphasise the great wealth of benefits derived from field studies and to urge their encouragement in schools, universities and more widely.

10.30 Tea/coffee

11.00 Welcome

- Welcome: Dr Olwen Grace, Vice-President of The Linnean Society
- Welcome: Professor Des Thompson, Chair of Board of Trustees FSC

Morning session: the breadth of field studies

Chair: Professor Des Thompson

11.10 Curious about nature: a passion for fieldwork – Professor Tim Burt, President of FSC, Durham University and the University of Bristol

11.30 Exploration and endeavour – Professor Andrew Goudie, University of Oxford and RGS

11.45 Ecological science: from empirical to experimental studies - Professor Rob Marrs, University of Liverpool

12.00 Why evidence matters – Dr Silviu Petrovan, University of Cambridge

12.15 Professionalism and the importance of high-quality fieldwork - Sally Hayns, CEO of CIEEM

12.30 A field-working civil servant – Professor Roger Crofts, Chair of Board of Trustees RSGS

12.45 – 13.40 Lunch

Afternoon session: vital learning and education: inspiring a new and diverse generation

Chair: Dr Olwen Grace

13.45 Why learning outdoors matters – Professor Pete Higgins, University of Edinburgh

14.00 Challenges for teaching geography – Gill Miller, President Geographical Association

14.15 Field skills and ecological awareness – in-service training - Sue Townsend, FSC

14.30 A young learner's perspective – Emi Husband, University of Exeter

14.45 Inspiring a new, diverse generation of ecologists - Christina Ravinet, British Ecological Society

15.00 Promoting field studies and their impacts – Professor Iain Stewart, University of Plymouth

15.30 – 16.00 Tea/coffee

Chair: Professor Tim Burt

16.00 The vitality of learning about nature through enjoyment – Mary Colwell, Writer and Producer

16.20 Uniting for nature – where next with the FSC – Mark Castle, Chief Executive FSC

16.40 Final remarks – Des Thompson and Olwen Grace

17.00 Close, followed by Reception



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