



# TAY VIEWS

A PUBLICATION BY THE TAY ESTUARY FORUM: PROMOTING THE WISE AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF THE TAY ESTUARY AND ITS ADJACENT COASTLINE

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Hi all,

The Tay Estuary Forum annual conference will be held this year on **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April** at West Park Conference Centre in Dundee: [www.westpark.co.uk](http://www.westpark.co.uk). All are welcome to attend to discuss a range of current coastal and marine topics with a TEF regional focus (Item 4). This year celebrates the diverse coastline of east-central Scotland and looks at innovative ways of engaging with our coasts, which includes this year's Commonwealth Games 2014, for which Barry Buddon provides one of the local sporting venues. Registration is essential & a booking form can be found in Item 5 of the newsletter. A full programme will be released shortly on the TEF website. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to attend the conference, or if you would like more information on any of the initiatives we support and feature, Best wishes,  
Laura Booth (Project Officer)

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### 1: TEF UPDATE

- TEF Steering Group meeting **February 2014** at University of Dundee.
- Next Steering Group meeting **June 2014**
- Marine Scotland funding secure until March 2015
- Thanks to Andrew Robertson (Bell Ingram) for representing the Crown Estate on the TEF Steering Group in recent years. We wish him well in his new post.

To join the TEF mailing list or to put forward your views, articles or pictures please contact:

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A captive audience at a guided walk in the dunes at "Between Tides" Tentsmuir NNR, Oct 2013 (photo courtesy of Corinne Mills)

## 2. CALLING ALL FOOTBALLS!



I am the photographer, Mandy Barker, internationally renowned for the project, SOUP, and am now collecting marine debris footballs (round soccer balls) that have been found on beaches/washed up, for my next project. I am hoping to get footballs (even parts of will do) from as many different countries/beaches from around the world as possible. If you saw a football washed up and would be willing to post it on to me in the UK, telling me where you found it (and could add an emailed pic of where you found it & date) I would be extremely grateful. I will of course pay all postage costs and in return send you a postcard of the final image which will include your ball!

If you can help or know someone who could, please email me: [info@mandy-barker.com](mailto:info@mandy-barker.com) for my postal address.

Deadline for balls collected is March 2014.

My work aims to engage the public by combining the contradiction between initial aesthetic attraction with the message of awareness about plastic marine pollution. To view my previous images please visit:

<http://mandy-barker.com>

All footballs gratefully received. Thank you for helping me to increase awareness of issue of marine pollution.



## 3. SCHARP'S Ask an Expert

**Ask an Expert**  
WILT Centre, Glasgow, Saturday 22nd March 2014

laser scan photography survey  
apps historic maps wood erosion OSL  
artefacts animal bone treasure trove  
websites fishbone coast pollen sediments  
archives GIS pottery dendrochronology  
conservation drone aerial photography RTI  
point cloud resistivity digital 3D sampling C14

**Archaeology fact finding event**  
A one-off, one-day **FREE** conference for finding out everything you need to know about archaeological techniques and services in Scotland.

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**  
email: [info@scharp.co.uk](mailto:info@scharp.co.uk)  
tel: 01334 463017  
01334 462904

**Archaeological materials and processes**  
with experts from Aberdeen, Glasgow, Stirling and St Andrews Universities, National Museum of Scotland and AOC

**Survey and visualisation**  
with experts from Historic Scotland, Nautical Archaeology Society, UHI and York Archaeological Trust

**Communication and presentation**  
with experts from BAJR, Northlight Heritage, interactive digital media specialists, designers and illustrators

**Resources, research tools and more...**  
with experts from RCAHMS, National Library of Scotland, Society of Antiquaries and Archaeology Scotland

Western Infirmary Lecture Theatre,  
Dumbarton Rd, GLASGOW, G11 6NT

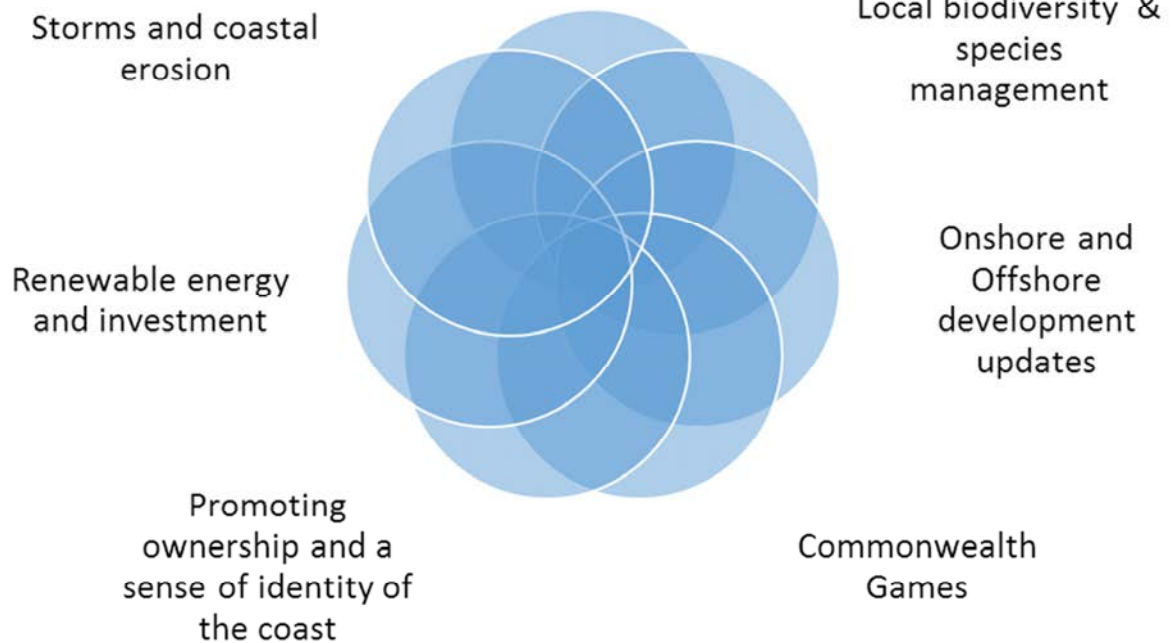
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## 4. TEF Annual Conference 2014, Dundee



### *Innovative ways of engaging with the coastal & marine environment*



## 5. TEF Booking Form



### Tay Estuary Forum Annual Conference 2014

*Creative Coasts*

**Friday 4th April**

**West Park Conference Centre, Perth Road, Dundee**

9:30-10:00 registration

£60. (includes lunch, morning & afternoon coffee & refreshments)  
£30. Students

**10am START**

**4pm FINISH**

Please return your completed booking form ASAP and by **21st March at the latest.**

- Cheques should be made payable to: University of Dundee, and forwarded to:  
**Tay Estuary Forum, Room G35, Tower Building, University of Dundee, Dundee, DD1 4HN**
- Invoices can be provided on request
- Payment should be made before the conference please
- No refunds shall be given for cancellations less than two weeks before the event

West Park Conference Centre directions and parking info: <http://www.westpark.co.uk/how-to-find-west-park>

For further details please contact: Laura Booth (TEF Project Officer)

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w <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/TEF/>

### Booking Form

Tay Estuary Forum Annual Conference 2014 – Friday 4th April

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending for a fee of £60.

No. of places.....

Total amount payable £ .....

Invoice required: Yes/ No

Any special dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed booking form, electronically to: [TayEstuaryForum@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:TayEstuaryForum@dundee.ac.uk)

Or by post to: Tay Estuary Forum,

Room G35, Tower Building, University of Dundee, Dundee, DD1 4HN

Cheques should be made payable to University of Dundee

## 6. Between Tides, Riddles of Tentsmuir

In October, artists, performers and scientists gathered at Kinshaldy car park in Tentsmuir Forest to give talks, guided walks and performances to visitors celebrating the physical environment, history, habitats and species at the site, using various forms of art, dance, poetry, storytelling and talks. In celebration of the Year of Natural Scotland 2013, artist in residence at Tentsmuir, Derek Robertson introduced the event, which aimed to link the fields of art and science in unravelling the riddles of Tentsmuir. It was a well-attended, if somewhat blustery day, and enjoyed by all.



Contributors included Prof. Rob Duck (below left), TEF Chair and Dean of the School of the Environment at the University of Dundee, Dr Bertie McConnell (opposite), senior research fellow at the Sea Mammal Research Unit at the University of St Andrews, Sophie Eastwood, Fife Red Squirrel Officer, Dr James Stewart, poet and writer in residence at Tentsmuir, Smallpetitklein Dance Company in Dundee (below, centre) and many more. A guided walk was given around the sand dunes (below, right), there were opportunities to hear poems and stories, and exhibits to wander around in learning more about the NNR and the work being done there to sustain the site for future generations.

Derek Robertson will attend this year's TEF annual conference in Dundee on 4<sup>th</sup> April to talk about the residency and his time at Tentsmuir and we look forward to hearing more about his work.



Photos courtesy of Corrine Mills photography & Laura Booth.



## 7. Celebrating 50 years of planning education at Dundee:

### **Issues & Challenges in Managing Marine & Maritime Environments & Heritage Past, Present and Future**

4th March 2014, University of Dundee, Room 5013 Matthew Building

[planning@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:planning@dundee.ac.uk) book- <http://tiny.cc/planning50>

The transformation of Dundee's waterfront provides an important context for considering our relationship with the sea. Bringing The Discovery back to Dundee was a major impetus in the city's regeneration. In Northern Ireland, the commemoration of the sinking of The Titanic was a catalyst in the revitalisation of Belfast, offering important opportunities to link past, present and future ambitions for the city.



This event comprises three lectures designed to bring together students, practitioners and the general public around the management of our marine and maritime resources. The linked activities form part of Town and Regional Planning's celebrations of 50 years of planning education at Dundee and seek to illustrate how planning thinking and practice are changing to accommodate new societal challenges. The speakers will variously examine society's complex relationships with the sea and provide an opportunity to discuss how we manage our natural and built environments in sustainable ways, and how we variously value our heritage assets in transforming our city waterfronts.

#### **3.10 – 4.00 Deborah Peel: Managing Marine and Maritime Resources**

Debates around the sustainable exploitation of marine resources have highlighted a range of conflicts amongst communities of interest. Terrestrial planners have been at the forefront of identifying how best to plan for the use and development of the marine environment and managing the coastal-marine interface. Deborah Peel provides an overview of the aims of Marine Spatial Planning and some of the challenges facing society's relationships with the sea.

#### **4.10 – 5.00 Jim Claydon: Planning for Marine Infrastructure: Insights from Practice**

Jim Claydon will briefly review the history of the Marine and Coastal Access Act and reflect on the delivery of marine planning in England and Wales and drawing on his professional experience of national infrastructure planning.

#### **6.00 – 8.00 Robert Heslip: Waterfront Regeneration – Belfast's Waterfront History**

As part of this year's established Conservation Lecture Series, Robert Heslip will reflect on how the city of Belfast is using its maritime heritage in relation to Queen's Island and Titanic Belfast to regenerate the city. His talk will examine attempts to breathe new life into the former docklands, balancing conservation alongside providing space for new industry. Experience in Belfast involves both restoration and the re-use of the historic ship-yards to promote tourism, as well as accommodating new technologies and infrastructure to exploit the sea in new ways.

For further information please contact Alda Ritchie, [a.ritchie@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:a.ritchie@dundee.ac.uk)

Book on Eventbrite <http://tiny.cc/planning50>

This event forms part of Town and Regional Planning's celebrations of 50 years of planning education at Dundee. Find out more here, <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/planning/>

# CAMPAIGN UPDATE



Clean Up  
Scotland



PART OF THE  
Keep Scotland Beautiful  
CHARITY

# 297

Clean ups  
per month



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picked up



Working hard to make Scotland the  
**CLEANEST COUNTRY IN EUROPE**

PEOPLE. PRIDE. ACTION.



**BUSINESSES  
LENDING THEIR  
SUPPORT**

27,707 individual  
pledges



**MAKING DROPPING LITTER AS  
UNACCEPTABLE AS DRINK DRIVING**



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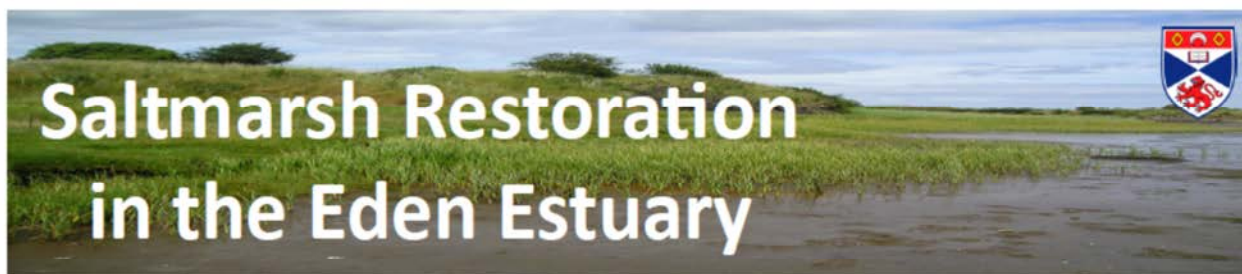
**PRINT MEDIA ARTICLES**



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**BROADCAST MEDIA  
STORIES**





**Volunteers are required for a University of St Andrews led coastal restoration project in the Eden Estuary. The project engages the local community and university students to help plant new saltmarshes in an effort to reduce shoreline erosion and replace an invaluable but lost wildlife habitat.**

#### **LOCATIONS, DATES AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

**South shore: Eden Golf Course seawall**

***Sat 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014***

The donor marsh we use to harvest plant material is in the inner reaches of the estuary, app. 3 km from St Andrews. Meet in the Petheram Bridge Car Park in St Andrews for a lift or in order to follow if planning to use your own transport.

The planting site is accessed by making your own way across the golf course or for a lift meet at the Clubhouse Car Park .

**North shore: RAF Leuchars disused rubble tip**

***Sat 8<sup>th</sup> – Tues 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014***

The donor marsh and the planting site are adjacent to each other and are accessed either by a 2km walk down the estuary's shore or through the RAF base by prior arrangement (volunteers will need to present ID, such as a passport or driver's licence).

Either meet at the car park adjacent to the RAF Leuchars Guardhouse or park at the Eden Visitor Centre if you intend to walk along the shore.

If you can lend a hand then please contact Clare Maynard for meeting times and further details.

Email [cem3@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:cem3@st-andrews.ac.uk)



#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Suitable and appropriate clothing for working outdoors such as waterproofs and Wellington boots are advised (wellies can be provided if necessary).

Volunteers should bring a packed lunch and if possible a hot drink.

All tools and equipment, including rubber gloves and thermal liners are provided.

A first aid kit and a risk assessment are held by the team leader.

