

## CIEEM 2025 Spring Conference

Mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain at Year One: Reflections, Lessons and Future Directions

18 March 2025 - Online

SESSION 1. Reflections, lessons and future directions Chair: Penny Lewns CEcol CEnv MCIEEM, CIEEM President	
9:30	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> – Penny Lewns CEcol CEnv MCIEEM, CIEEM President
9:35	<b>Keynote Address: Biodiversity Net Gain – making space for nature and people</b> Dr Tony Juniper CBE CEnv, Chair - Natural England
10:00	<b>Mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain at year one: reflections, lessons and future directions - a local planning authority perspective</b> – Rachael Rhodes MCIEEM, Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service
10.25	<b>Responsible Body – one year old and counting: lessons learnt and implications for the future</b> – Dr Tim Graham MCIEEM and Natalie Bryce, RSK Wilding/RSK Biocensus
10:50	Break
SESSION 2. Delivering offsite BNG Chair: Sally Hayns CEcol FCIEEM, CIEEM	
11:20	<b>More than Biodiversity Net Gain – the rewards and challenges of a new not-for-profit business model for BNG</b> – Rachel Lenane CEnv MCIEEM, Gloucestershire Nature and Climate Fund
11:45	<b>Offsite BNG: securing meaningful benefits for nature and local communities</b> – Rachel Blount MCIEEM, Nattergal
12.15	<b>Keeping offsite local - an example of navigating mandatory BNG</b> – Jessica Christie GradCIWEM and Joe Gough MCIEEM, WSP
12:40	Lunch
SESSION 3. River banks and habitat banks Chair: Jason Reeves CEnv MCIEEM, CIEEM	
13:40	<b>De-risking the delivery of off-site watercourse biodiversity units from beaver reintroduction</b> – Dr Eleanore Miles CGeog(Geomorph), Shannon Dicks GradCIWEM, and Ian Morrissey CEnv MCIEEM, AtkinsRéalis
14:05	<b>From baseline to bank: delivering Chalksole - Kents first habitat bank</b> – Stefanie Bramley MCIEEM, Dover District Council; Liam Mattingly and Vicki Mordue MloD AIEEMA, Biodiverse Consulting
14:30	<b>Sustainable river and catchment restoration: exploring BNG opportunities and challenges</b> – Tom Gall, The Rivers Trust
14:55	Break
SESSION 4. Supporting resilient and deliverable BNG Chair: Ben Kite CEcol MCIEEM, CIEEM	
15:25	<b>How and why Biodiversity Net Gain can succeed: the residential home builders' perspective</b> – Helen Nyul, Barratt Redrow Plc and Neil Beamsley CEcol MCIEEM, Bellway Homes
15:50	<b>Aligning habitat bank provision with the LNRS: opportunities and barriers</b> – Karen Lindley, Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment
16:15	<b>Designing resilience into Biodiversity Net Gain – Learning from the Environment Bank Ecology team</b> – Fleur Wilson ACIEEM and Mike Waller, Environment Bank
16:40	Summary and Close