NBN Conference Workshops 2014

When: Thursday 20 November and Sat 22 November 2014

Where: Natural History Museum, London

Time: Each workshop will be run twice daily on both days:

> Morning session - **10.15am - 1.15**

> Afternoon session - **2.00 - 5.00pm**

The NBN Trust invites interested parties to attend two workshops to be held either side of the Network's annual conference in November 2014. The purpose of these workshops is to immediately start to engage members in NBN strategy implementation. The workshops will provide an opportunity for members to work together creatively, and strengthen the Network. They will also create a shared ownership of the Network's work programme.

The workshops are part of the Network's implementation of the new NBN Strategy which is still being refreshed. The focus of these two workshops will be to:

1. Develop a more user friendly Gateway interface; and
2. Revise the NBN Gateway Terms and Conditions

Please complete the following form to book a place at either, or both of these workshops. http://bit.ly/1m89ANB

Note that numbers are limited for each workshop. We will be running the two workshops twice each day so that those that are interested can attend both. Note: We require a **minimum of 10 people to register for the Saturday workshops** otherwise they will be cancelled.

Contact Rachel Stroud r.stroud@nbn.org.uk if you have further questions.

Developing a user-friendly NBN Gateway interface **(Maximum 20 for each session)**

This workshop will focus on exploring ways to improve the user interface of the NBN Gateway for a range of biodiversity data providers and users.

- How do you currently use the Gateway?
- How do you want to interact with the Gateway?
- What changes should be made to increase engagement to existing and new audiences?
- What data products would you like to access on the Gateway?

- How would you like other existing resources connected to the Gateway?
- Is Gateway the right name?

This workshop will examine the NBN Gateway from graphics to data outputs. We will critically analyse the current Gateway and be creative in developing ideas for alternative user interfaces and data products.

If you are a user of the NBN Gateway, or a data provider, and have a vision as how the Gateway should look, or ideas for how it could be improved to make your life easier or would like to be involved in the discussion we welcome your creativity. Bring an open mind!

Review of NBN Gateway Terms and Conditions (Maximum 12 for each session)

This workshop will focus on reviewing clauses within the current NBN Gateway Terms and Conditions.

- Are the current clauses all appropriate? What is good about them, and what is bad?
- Can a simpler suite of conditions be developed?
- How can we make it easier for organisations and individuals to move towards an open data sharing model?
- How might the Terms and Conditions be interpreted by different audiences?

With a global shift towards open data sharing, the current Terms and Conditions are rapidly becoming outdated if we are to keep up with global trends. The reasons for this review is that the terms and conditions are considered too restrictive for many audiences, are difficult for users to understand and adhere to, and data providers are asking for a simpler suite of options. The NBN Trust would like to invite you to join this discussion to critically analyse and refresh the current Terms & Conditions.

This workshop is open to everyone, though we will be focussing on the technical aspect of data licenses and the resulting Terms and Conditions required.