

**24th National Biodiversity Network Conference**  
**Thursday 21 November 2024**  
**Merseyside Maritime Museum, Liverpool**  
**“Making data work for nature”**

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08:45 - 09:25 Registration

**Morning session**

09:25 - 09:35 Welcome and introduction by Pete Tomlin, NBN Trust Chairperson

**Session 1:** **Data storytelling and data impact for nature’s good**

Chair of session – Dominic Aslan, NBN Trustee and Chief Information Security Officer

09:35 – 10:00 Keynote address – Andy Cotgreave, Tableau  
*“How to speak the language of data”*

10:00 – 10:15 Elina-Marielle-Doss, Merseyside BioBank Manager  
*“Data at your Doorstep – Insights into Local Data”*

10:15 – 10:30 Keiron Derek Brown, Recording Officer at the Earthworm Society  
*“Earthworms: Beyond the Record”*

10:30 – 10:45 Oli Grafton and Karen Kramer-Wilson - Principal for Citizen Science & Survey Partnership and Principal for Data Engagement & Analysis, Natural England  
*“Defra group, community science, survey, and assessment of nature and environment”*

10:45 – 11:00 Q&A

**11:00 – 11:30 Tea / coffee break**

**Session 2:** **Biodiversity data in our digital world (and the technology we are using)**

Chair of session – Alice Kershaw, NBN Trustee and Head of Digital Transformation, The Wildlife Trusts

11:30 – 11:45 Mel Hardie, Biodiversity Data Manager (NBN Atlas)  
*“A dip into the Data Lake; insight on the NBN Atlas”*

11:45 – 12:00 Dan Lear, Head of Data, Information & Technology, Marine Biological Association  
*“FAIR Marine Biodiversity Data Excellence: from the UK to the UN”*

12:00 – 12:15 Dr Emma Cartledge, Research Fellow, Nottingham Trent University  
*“Combining technology and citizen science to run a new National Hedgehog Monitoring Programme”*

12:15 – 12:30 Ian Jackson, Formerly Information Director, British Geological Survey  
*“Digital rocks”*

12:30 – 12:45 Q&A

**12.45 – 13.55 Lunch, posters and displays**

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**Afternoon session**

13.55 – 14:25 **The Sir John Burnett Memorial Lecture 2024**  
Professor Miles Richardson, Professor of Human Factors and Nature  
Connectedness at the University of Derby  
*“Fixing our failing relationship with nature”*

**Session 3: Citizen science and its importance in gathering biodiversity data**

14.25 – 15:10 Celebrating wildlife recording - NBN Awards for Wildlife Recording 2024 -  
announcement of winners and highly commended nominees

**15:10 – 15:40 Tea / coffee break**

15:40 – 16:10 **Panel discussion**  
*“How do, or can, different recording apps engage people at different stages  
of their recording journey?”* Panellists are:  
Martin Harvey – Biological Records Centre / UKCEH  
Dave Kilbey – Founder / CEO of Natural Aptitude / Coreo  
Giselle Sterry – iNaturalistUK lead, NBN Trust

The session will be chaired by Lisa Chilton, NBN Trust CEO

16:10 – 16:20 Caleb Parkin, Field Poet - University of Exeter, RENEW

16:20 – 16:30 Lisa Chilton, NBN Trust CEO - *“Meet the NBN Trust”*

16:30 Chairperson’s summing up

**16.35 End of NBN Conference**

**16:45 – 17:00 NBN Trust AGM**

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