

Nature-based Solutions Conference 2024

Delegate Information



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Venues

In-Person

The conference will be held at the Oxford Museum of Natural History. [Please see here for directions](#). The [Natural History Museum Access Guide](#) provides information on disability access points, stairs, lifts and parking.

All talks and panel discussions will take place sequentially in the lecture theatre on the first floor of museum (i.e. there are no parallel sessions). As we have completely sold out, the lecture theatre will be busy, so please arrive early to ensure everyone is seated quickly and we can start each session on time.

Important housekeeping notice: Due to delegate severe allergies, please refrain from bringing or consuming oranges or nuts inside the museum.

Online

Virtual delegates will participate live through Zoom, with registration details provided by email. Please note that your Zoom link is for your own exclusive use and is not shareable. If you registered for the conference for someone else, please forward them this email and their respective links. When joining the conference on Zoom, ensure that you use your full name and the same name you used when registering for the conference, as this will be cross-checked with the registration list.

We are involving our online participants in as much of the conference programme as possible. Recordings of the talks and main sessions will be made available the following day to our virtual audience, after a short delay for processing.

Aspects of the [cultural programme](#) will also be filmed and shared, including a livestream of the musical event on the Wednesday evening.

Programme & Schedule

You can explore [our programme page](#) on the NbS Conference website for the full conference schedule, including the cultural elements.

Please [download the detailed timetable and venue map](#), which will help you navigate the timings of the sessions, breaks, poster sessions, and cultural programme. Please note that the conference programme will not be printed but can be accessed along with other key information [via Linktree](#).

Arrival & Check-In

If you wish to attend the opening ceremony (details below), please arrive at the Natural History Museum no later than **8:45am on Tuesday 18th June**. If you do not wish to attend the ceremony, please arrive at the museum no earlier than **9:30am** when registration opens. To check-in and receive your lanyard, head to the registration desks that will greet you as you enter the museum. Lanyard will be organised by alphabet. NbSI staff, wearing green lanyards, will then direct you to the Lecture Theatre on the first floor.

Please do not be late, as the first talk will begin at 10:00am sharp. For those who are unable to arrive until later, please check-in at the registration desk outside the Lecture Theatre. On Days 2 and 3, we encourage you to arrive 10-15 minutes before the start of the plenary at 8:50am.

Please do not bring any luggage to the venue, as there are no storage facilities, aside from a small 'self-service' coat rack at the registration desk. Please note that we are unable to guarantee the supervision of possessions during the conference.

Cultural Programme

Alongside a series of talks, panel discussions, poster sessions and networking opportunities, there is a cultural programme involving ceremonies, music and art. This has been created to hold our intentions and hopes for the week, to help us connect with each other, and to encourage reflection on how we might rekindle a deeper relationship with nature. We hope you will use some of the breaks to explore the art exhibits in the atrium of the museum and to watch films about nature-based solutions in room G6 off the Main Hall. We also invite you to visit the mural and the ceremonial space outside the museum.

You may also wish to sign up for side events taking place during the week, including the water pilgrimage and Wildlife Trusts event.

Ceremonies

We ask those joining the opening and/or closing ceremonies to arrive at the Natural History Museum 10-15 mins beforehand and to observe silence unless directed otherwise. Please refrain from using your mobile phones, including for photos and videos. We would appreciate it if phones are turned off entirely or put into airplane mode.

You may like to bring a natural item with you which represents one of the elements (Earth, Wind, Fire, Water), to add to the *Tlalmanalli*. We ask you to place and collect your items in a way that is mindful of the sacredness of the space.

Transport

You can find [travel advice on our website](#) for how to get to Oxford by train or bus, including from Gatwick and Heathrow Airports.

Most places in Oxford City Centre are within walking distance. The venue is approximately 1 mile (a 15-20-minute walk) from Oxford Rail Station. Regular public buses run in and out of Oxford City Centre.

Local bus timetables

- ❖ [Oxford Bus Company](#)
- ❖ [Stagecoach Oxfordshire](#)

Local taxi companies

- ❖ [Go Green Taxis](#): 01865900738
- ❖ [001 Taxis](#): 01865240000
- ❖ [Royal Cars](#): 01865777333

Food & Drink

Lunch and refreshments will be provided on all three days. Additionally, on the evening of Day 2, you will enjoy a drinks and dinner reception with [art and musical performances](#) in the Main Hall of the museum. To assist our team, please kindly let us know if you have any allergies when you [complete the Delegate Information Form](#). Food is vegetarian/vegan.

Water fountains are located in the Upper Gallery catering area (please bring a reusable water bottle to fill).

Please use the waste and recycling points provided and respect the space.

For the remaining evenings, we encourage you to explore Oxford's lovely pubs and restaurants.

Pubs (most serving food & drink)

Turf Tavern, King's Arms, The Royal Oak, Lamb & Flag, Red Lion, The White Rabbit, The Crown, The Victoria, The Gardeners Arms (Plantation Rd, fully vegetarian menu), Varsity Club (cocktail rooftop terrace bar - no food).

Restaurants

Chiang Mai Kitchen (Thai), Quad, Parsonage Grill, Wilding, Al-Andalus (Tapas), Pierre Victoire (French), Branca Bar, Brasserie Blanc, Mamma Mia (Pizza)... *Many other restaurants and cafes can be found on Little Clarendon St, George St and the High St.*

Conference communications and networking

To connect with other delegates, both in-person and virtual, you may wish to join the Nature-based Solutions 2024 LinkedIn group. The link to join can be [found on the Linktree](#).

We would love for you to share the event and your key takeaways on social media. The conference hashtags are:
#NbSConferenceOxford #growingpositivechange

You can find us on X/Twitter [@NatureBasedSols](#) and [LinkedIn/nature-based-solutions-initiative](#)



What to bring to the conference:

- ❖ If you would like to add something to the *Tlalmanalli* as part of the opening ceremony, to hold intention for the conference, please bring some local waters and/or small natural items of personal meaning, such as a feather, seed or pebble. Please note that water can only be brought from within the UK.
- ❖ Water bottle – to refill at water stations at the venue.
- ❖ Travel mug

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