



## **INVITATION**

### **Water Framework Directive Workshops**

In conjunction with its partners, Afonydd Cymru will be holding workshops in the North, South West and South-East areas of Wales. They are aimed at increasing the awareness of the Water Framework Directive and its implications and to encourage responses to the River Basin Management Plans that are currently out for public consultation. There is widespread concern that the targets contained in the Plans for achieving Good Ecological Status (including fisheries) are not sufficiently ambitious. The workshops will aim to:

- outline the content of the plans and summarise some of the key responses already made by government and non-government agencies
- detail a process to facilitate local responses to the Plans
- assist attendees in identifying local problems and potential solutions

**The dates and locations of the workshops are as follows:**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date/time</b>	<b>River Basin Districts</b>
<b>SE</b>	<b>Bessemer Hotel, Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> June 09 10.00am</b>	<b>Western Wales Severn River</b>
<b>N</b>	<b>Kinmel Manor Hotel, Abergele</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> June 09 10.00am</b>	<b>Western Wales Dee</b>
<b>SW</b>	<b>Porth Hotel, Llandysul, Ceredigion</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> June 09 2.00 pm</b>	<b>Western Wales</b>

The workshops are free, will last for three hours and we hope that individuals and organisations interested in the potential of this important legislation to protect and improve the quality, ecology and fishery of their local rivers and lakes will attend.

**Further details are available from:**

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**Our Rivers  
Campaign**

## **Draft Programme (3 Hours)**

### **Session 1:**

- Outline content of local Consultation Plans
- Summary of key responses to date and endorsement where appropriate
- Facilitation of local responses to the Consultation Plans

### **Session 2:**

- Demonstration of EAW's new GIS presentation, highlighting local issues
- Summary of current AC/EAW/CCW partnership projects to deliver environmental and fishery improvements
- Identification of local problems and potential partnership projects to provide solutions

## **NOTES**

**Afonydd Cymru** was formed in 2008 and represents 6 River Trusts in Wales – Pembrokeshire, Teifi, Carmarthenshire, South East, Clwyd & Conwy and Welsh Dee River Trusts. The aims of Afonydd Cymru are:

- To advance the education of the public in the management of water and environmental protection, conservation, rehabilitation and improvement.
- To advance the education of the public in the understanding of rivers, their basins, fauna and flora.
- To protect, conserve, rehabilitate and improve the rivers, streams, watercourses and river basins, including adjacent coastal waters and water impoundments, of Wales or any part or parts thereof for the public benefit.

Afonydd Cymru works in partnership with Welsh Assembly Government, Environment Agency Wales, the Countryside Council for Wales, other organisations and local communities to improve the aquatic environment in Wales.

**The *Our Rivers* campaign:** Spearheaded by a coalition of WWF, RSPB, Angling Trust and Association of Rivers Trusts and funded through the HSBC Climate Partnership. Responses to the consultation exercise on the Draft River Basin Management Plans can be made through their website ([www.ourrivers.org.uk](http://www.ourrivers.org.uk)).

