



# FESTIVAL OF ECOLOGY

## 14 – 18 DECEMBER 2020

### DELEGATE INFORMATION

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Welcome to the Festival of Ecology! This guide will help you get the most out of the conference and help you navigate your way around the virtual experience. Once logged in, there will also be information on the **Finding Your Way** banner in the lobby area of the main conference website.

## Logging In

A few days before the conference you will receive an email with details of how to log in, including your password. **The email you used to register with must be used to log in.**

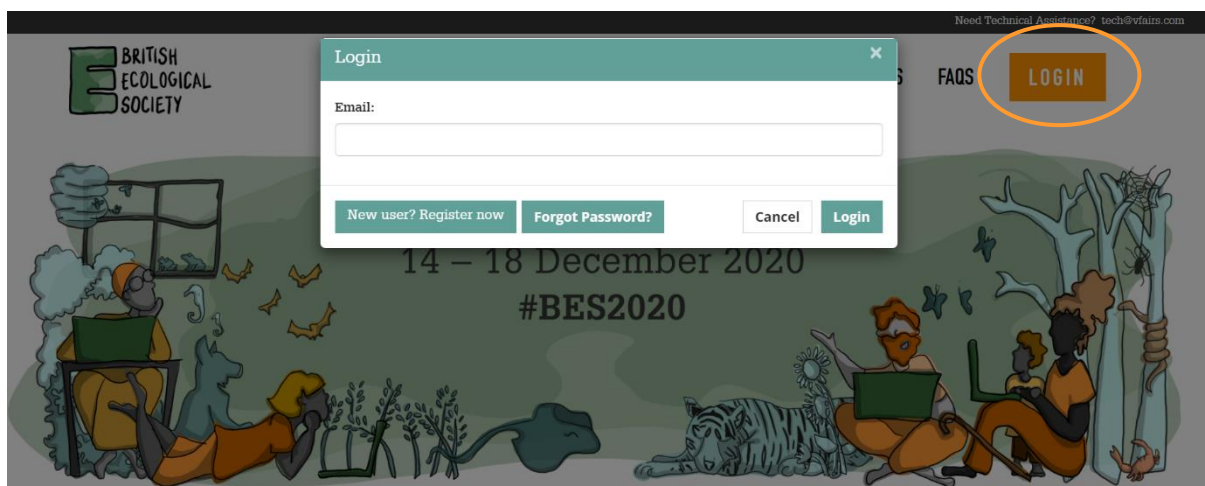
You will only be able to be logged in on one device at a time.

You do not need to download or install any software to participate in the Festival of Ecology, you only need to have access to the internet. We recommend using the **Chrome** web browser where possible.

The website URL will be sent with your password. You can enter the site by using the **LOGIN** button at the top right-hand side of the page.

**You will be able to access the system from 07:00 (GMT) Monday 14 December.** We recommend logging in ahead of the first session to spend some time familiarising yourself with the platform.

You can access the Festival of Ecology on all devices, including PCs, laptops, tablets, and smart phones. We recommend **using PCs, laptops or devices with larger screens** for the best user experience.



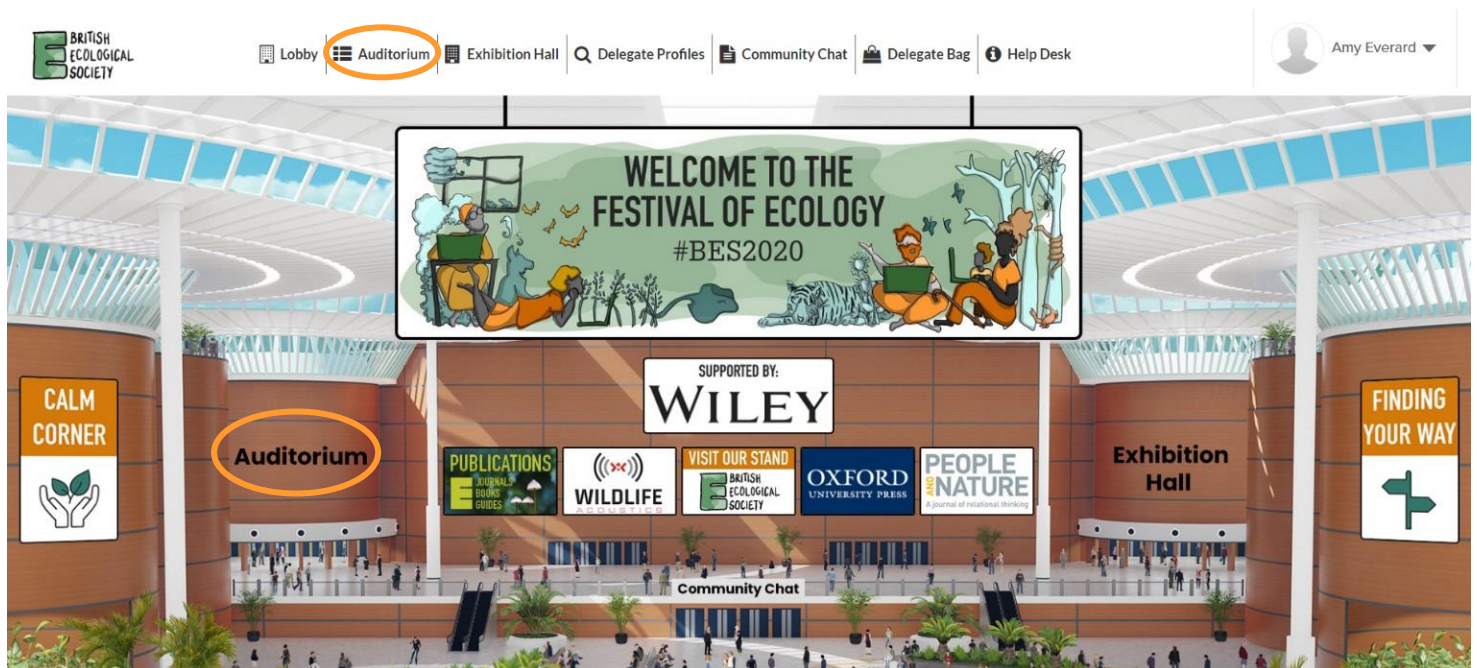
Once you have successfully logged in, your virtual conference experience begins.

The lobby is the central hub for everything you need – click **Lobby** on the top menu bar when you want to come back to explore the event.

From the lobby, you can navigate to the:

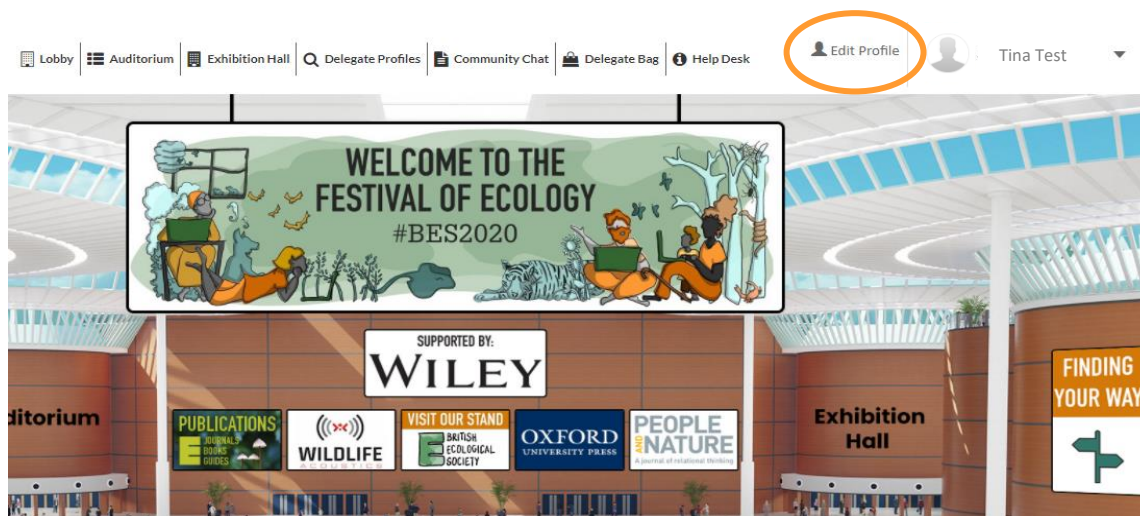
- Auditorium
- Exhibition Hall
- Community Chat
- Help Desk
- Calm Corner
- Delegate Map
- Event Programme
- Finding Your Way instructions

You can select these by clicking on the area in the lobby or using the menu bar at the top of the page.



# EDIT YOUR PROFILE

In order to find delegates working in a similar field we recommend updating your profile when you first login. You can do this by clicking the **Edit Profile** option in the top right corner of the lobby.



A pop-up will then appear where you can enter your details, including your pronouns, Twitter handle, and whether you are presenting. If you work closely with the BES e.g. you sit on a BES Committee, you can also add your involvement at the bottom by ticking the relevant boxes. Once you have finished, click the **Update** button at the bottom. You may need to refresh the page for the changes to appear.

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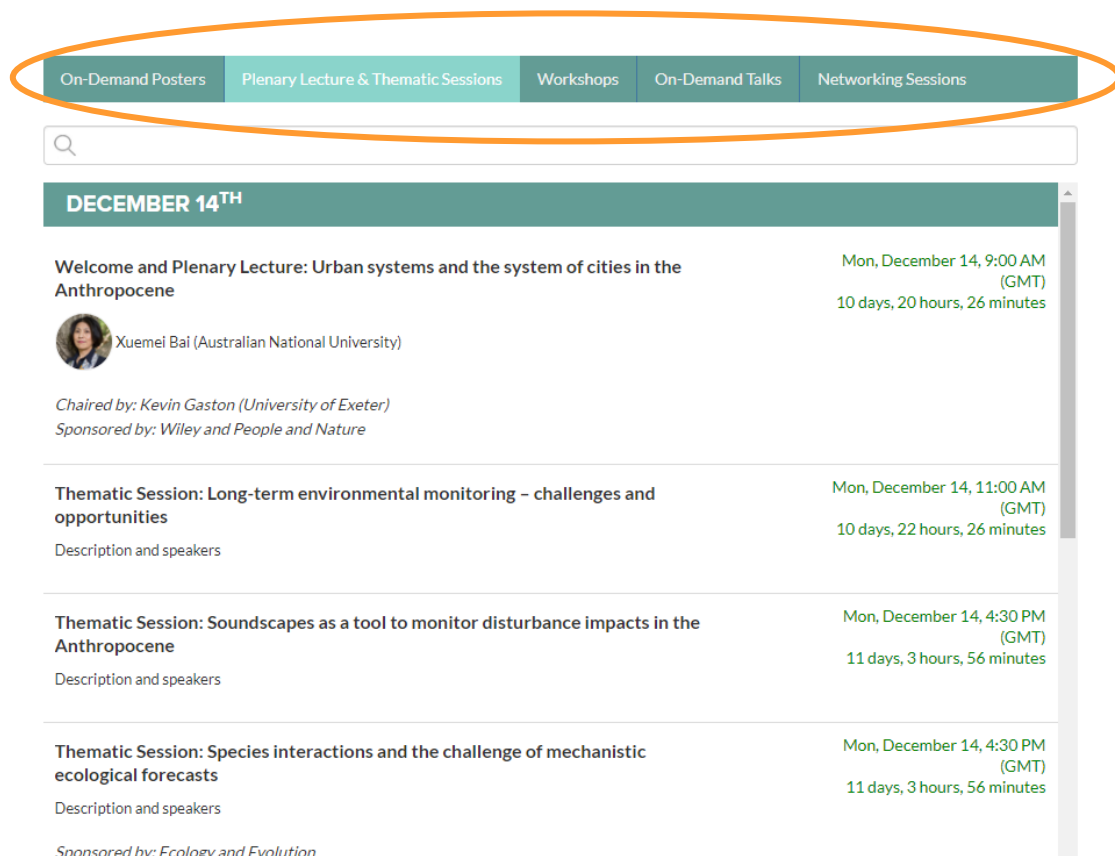
You can see all delegate profiles under **Delegate Profiles** in the top menu, or when you are in [Community Chat](#).


The Auditorium is where you can access all the live and on-demand content. When you click the **Auditorium** button you will arrive on the page below which shows you all the sessions.



Click on the main screen and this will take you to the page below where you can browse through:

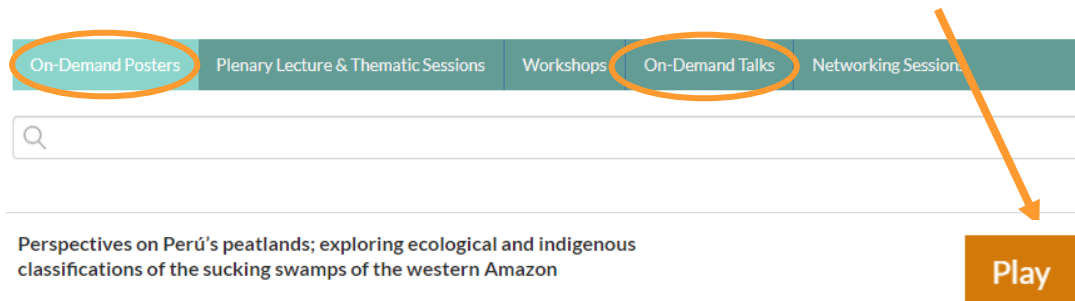
- Plenary lectures & thematic sessions
- Workshops
- On-demand talks
- On-demand posters
- Networking sessions



DECEMBER 14 <sup>TH</sup>	
<b>Welcome and Plenary Lecture: Urban systems and the system of cities in the Anthropocene</b>  Xuemei Bai (Australian National University) <i>Chaired by: Kevin Gaston (University of Exeter)</i> <i>Sponsored by: Wiley and People and Nature</i>	Mon, December 14, 9:00 AM (GMT) 10 days, 20 hours, 26 minutes
<b>Thematic Session: Long-term environmental monitoring – challenges and opportunities</b> Description and speakers	Mon, December 14, 11:00 AM (GMT) 10 days, 22 hours, 26 minutes
<b>Thematic Session: Soundscapes as a tool to monitor disturbance impacts in the Anthropocene</b> Description and speakers	Mon, December 14, 4:30 PM (GMT) 11 days, 3 hours, 56 minutes
<b>Thematic Session: Species interactions and the challenge of mechanistic ecological forecasts</b> Description and speakers <i>Sponsored by: Ecology and Evolution</i>	Mon, December 14, 4:30 PM (GMT) 11 days, 3 hours, 56 minutes

## On-demand content

Both on-demand posters and talks are available at any time. Each presentation shows the title, presenter name, abstract and co-authors. To access the content, click the orange **Play** button next to the presentation listing.



Perspectives on Perú's peatlands; exploring ecological and indigenous classifications of the sucking swamps of the western Amazon

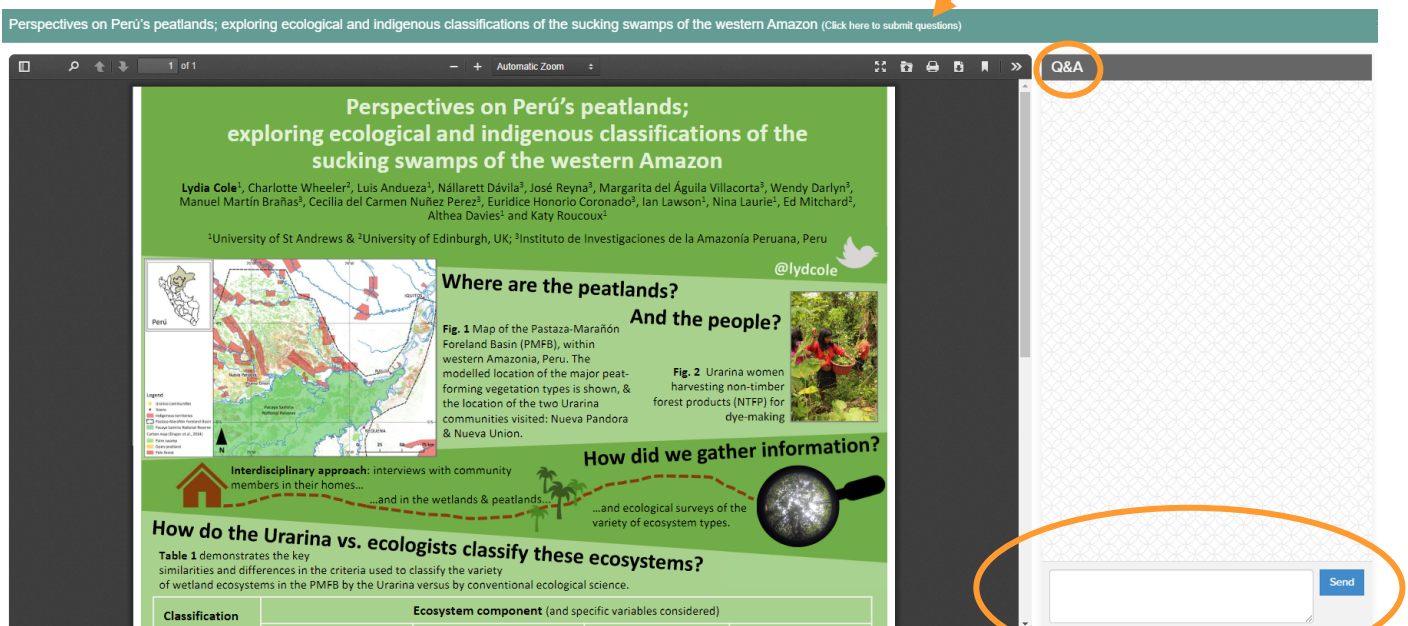
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⚡ Lightning Talk

Lydia Cole (University of St Andrews)

The tropical peatlands of Perú are mostly found within the subsiding Pastaza-Marañón Foreland Basin (PMFB) of western Amazonia. Their geospatial extent, role in global carbon cycling and ecological diversity are key research topics. Of equal importance is understanding their role in local livelihoods and society. Through a case study exploring the interaction of Urarina indigenous people with their surroundings, this study compares the different ecosystem classification systems used and values assigned by local communities versus by conventional ecological science. Extensive ecological data collected within the PMFB in 2019 provide information on the distribution and ecological diversity of the wetland ecosystems around two Urarina communities; interview data reveal the ways in which these ecosystems, and in particular peatlands, are used, valued and classified by these communities. In combination, these sets of knowledge provide a nuanced understanding from which to develop more appropriate conservation policies for these locally, and globally important wetlands.

This will bring up the presentation (as either a poster or a talk) as seen below. On the right, you will see a **Q&A** box. You can use this to type and submit questions to the presenter, and they will aim to answer it when they are next online. If you don't have this box on the right, click the area at the top where it says **Click here to submit questions**.



## Lightning Talks

If you would like an introduction to a poster before you view it, many poster presenters also have a 2-minute lightning talk.

You can find this under the title of their presentation. Click **Lightning Talk** and the talk will pop out in a new window. Once viewed you can then click **Play** to view the poster and ask questions in the **Q&A** window.

Perspectives on Perú's peatlands; exploring ecological and indigenous classifications of the sucking swamps of the western Amazon

 Play Lightning Talk

## Presenter Networking

On-demand talks and posters are available to view at anytime throughout the week.

From Monday to Thursday there are two '**Presenter Networking**' sessions each day, where we encourage speakers and delegates to be online to view on-demand content and ask questions via the Q&A chat. This will allow presenters to answer questions in 'real time'.

Join us online during these time slots each day for an opportunity to view on-demand presentations and ask questions live while our presenters are online.

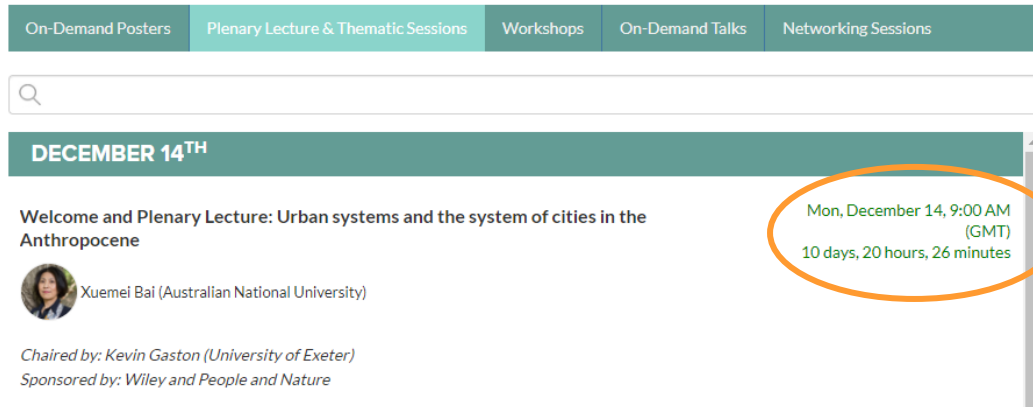
- 13:15 - 14:00 (GMT)\*
- 18:00 - 18:45 (GMT)

Note you can also ask questions during other times and presenters can check in on the Q&A at any point throughout the week.

*\*13:30 - 14:00 (GMT) on Wednesday 16 December due to the BES Annual General Meeting running from 12:45 - 13:30.*

## Live content


Plenary lectures, thematic sessions, workshops, and networking sessions will all be live hosted on the platform Zoom. When you click on these pages along the top, you will see the programme and next to each session will be a countdown to when the session starts.



On-Demand Posters | **Plenary Lecture & Thematic Sessions** | Workshops | On-Demand Talks | Networking Sessions

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Welcome and Plenary Lecture: Urban systems and the system of cities in the Anthropocene

 Xuemei Bai (Australian National University)

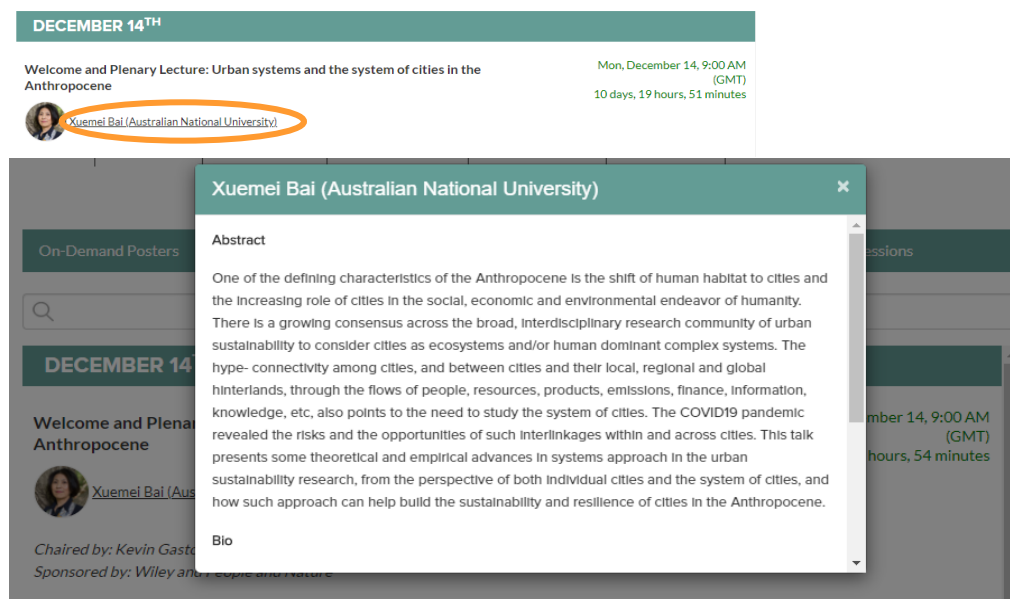
Chaired by: Kevin Gaston (University of Exeter)  
Sponsored by: Wiley and People and Nature

Mon, December 14, 9:00 AM (GMT)  
10 days, 20 hours, 26 minutes

Five minutes before the start of any live session, an orange **Join** button will appear where the countdown used to be. Click this to join the session.


The plenary lectures and thematic sessions will be recorded and added to the website as soon as possible to view in your own time. Workshops and networking sessions **will not** be recorded, unless stated otherwise.

If you want to find the abstracts or descriptions for the live content, click on the **speaker name** for plenary talks, or on the word **description** for all other sessions, and more information will appear.



DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

Welcome and Plenary Lecture: Urban systems and the system of cities in the Anthropocene

 Xuemei Bai (Australian National University)

Mon, December 14, 9:00 AM (GMT)  
10 days, 19 hours, 51 minutes

**Xuemei Bai (Australian National University)**

Abstract

One of the defining characteristics of the Anthropocene is the shift of human habitat to cities and the increasing role of cities in the social, economic and environmental endeavor of humanity. There is a growing consensus across the broad, interdisciplinary research community of urban sustainability to consider cities as ecosystems and/or human dominant complex systems. The hyper-connectivity among cities, and between cities and their local, regional and global hinterlands, through the flows of people, resources, products, emissions, finance, information, knowledge, etc, also points to the need to study the system of cities. The COVID19 pandemic revealed the risks and the opportunities of such interlinkages within and across cities. This talk presents some theoretical and empirical advances in systems approach in the urban sustainability research, from the perspective of both individual cities and the system of cities, and how such approach can help build the sustainability and resilience of cities in the Anthropocene.

Bio



## Search for content

If you want to find specific content, you can search keywords. Type a word into the search bar and it will bring up content within that section where that word appears in the title or abstract.

For on-demand content the speaker name, institution, title, abstract, and co-authors are all searchable.

On-Demand Posters | **Plenary Lecture & Thematic Sessions** | Workshops | On-Demand Talks | Networking Sessions

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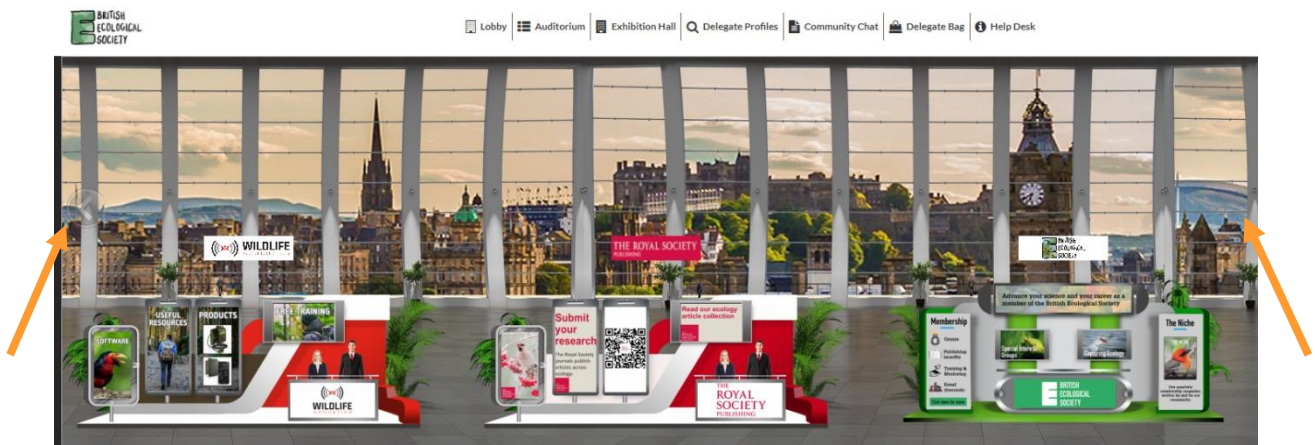
<b>Thematic Session: Long-term environmental monitoring – challenges and opportunities</b> Description and speakers	Mon, December 14, 11:00 AM (GMT) 10 days, 21 hours, 58 minutes
<b>Thematic Session: Species interactions and the challenge of mechanistic ecological forecasts</b> Description and speakers <i>Sponsored by: Ecology and Evolution</i>	Mon, December 14, 4:30 PM (GMT) 11 days, 3 hours, 28 minutes

### DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

### DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

<b>Thematic Session: Rewilding as a recovery strategy to mitigate the biodiversity and climate crises</b> Description and speakers	Wed, December 16, 9:00 AM (GMT) 12 days, 19 hours, 58 minutes
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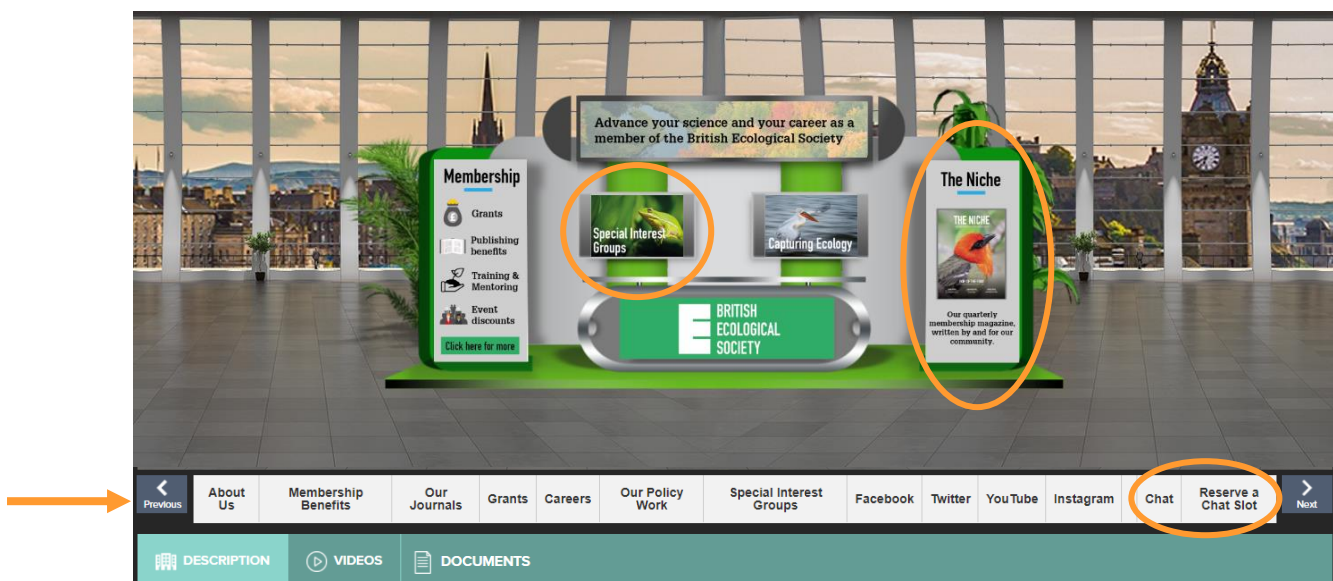
When you enter the **Exhibition Hall**, you will see the stands of our exhibitors. Hover your mouse over the left or right edges of the screen, as shown below, to scroll to the left or right and see each of the stands. When you see one you like, click on it.



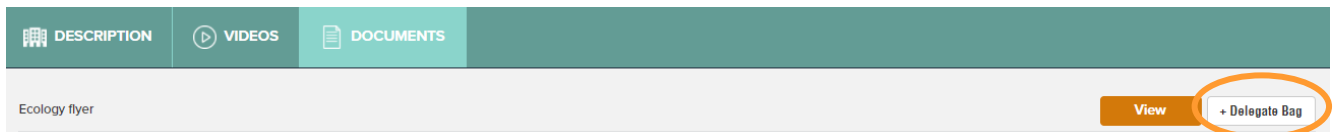
Alternatively, when you arrive on the page there is an **Exhibitor Index** box at the bottom left, where you can see a list of the stands and can scroll through and click the one you want to visit.

Exhibitors Index
1 BES Stand
2 Wiley
3 BES Publications
4 Ecological Continuity Trust
5 Ecological Society of America

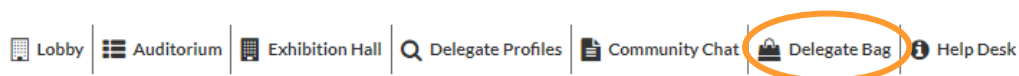
When 'visiting' the booth, you can click on the banners to find out more or click items along the white bar at the bottom.



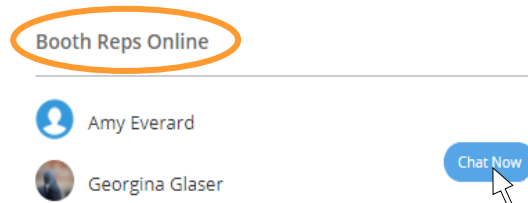
You can view documents or videos on the stand via the green bar below, or add items to your delegate bag and email them to yourself in your own time.



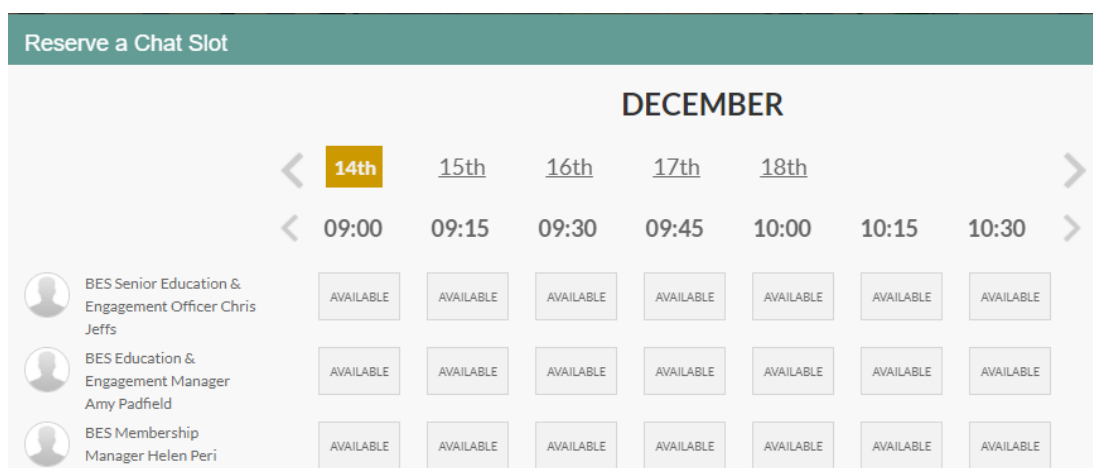
To view what's in your delegate bag, just click the option on the bar at the top of your screen and it will show you what you've picked up. You can then choose to view, remove, or email yourself the items.



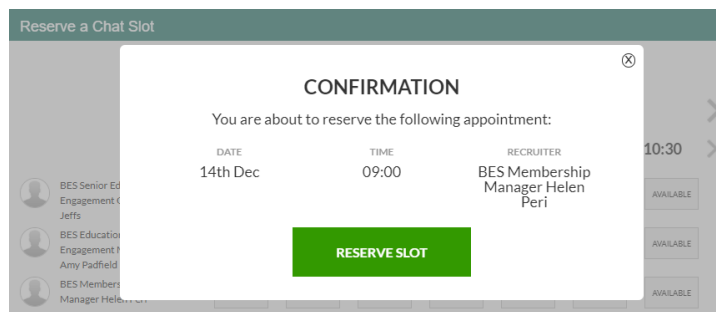
If you want to talk to a stand representative, click the **Chat** button found in the white bar and you will access the general chatroom for that stand. Here you can send messages to anyone in that group and see messages that others have written. If there are any booth reps online that you want to talk to one-to-one, hover over their name and a blue **Chat Now** button will appear. Click it, and this will allow you to chat privately with that representative, and even initiate an audio or video call.



You can also press **Reserve a Chat Slot** to schedule a video call. If you click this button, you will get a pop-up like the one below with available times for different representatives on the stand. When you see a slot you would like, click it.

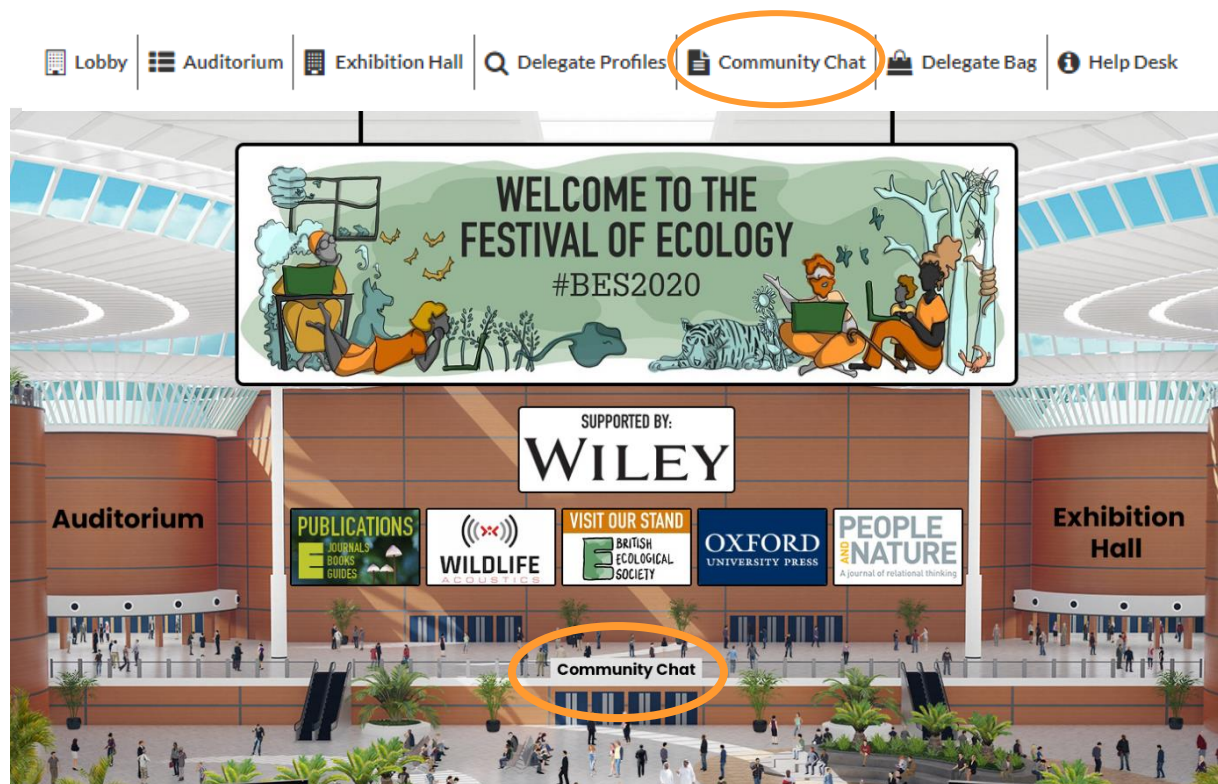


You will then get another pop-up to confirm your slot. Click it, and your slot is booked.



Once you have seen everything that you wanted to see on a stand, you can either choose the **Back to Floor** button on the left of the screen, or there are **Previous** and **Next** buttons with arrows along the white bar that allow you to move to the stands either side of the one you are on.

Missing that connection with other delegates? Make sure you head over to the **Community Chat** area from the main lobby. You can find this along the bar at the top of your screen or in the middle of the lobby.



Here you can start connecting directly with other delegates, exhibitors, or join one of the many available chatrooms, including one for each of our exhibitors and Special Interest Groups (SIGs). You can reply to comments, share links, and attach files to the chats.

**Group chats** - Browse through the chatrooms and join any you are interested in. Use these to network with other delegates with similar interests. Keep an eye out for the 'Daily Playlists' in each of our SIG chats, who will be recommending relevant content each day.

**Individual chats** - In the same way that you can join group chatrooms, you can also speak to delegates one-to-one through a text chat. In addition, for these individual chats you can also initiate an audio or video call.

**Ecology jobs board** - We encourage you to share any relevant job opportunities in the 'Ecology Jobs Board' chatroom. Please write a brief description of the role along with the attachment/link, so it is clear to other delegates what the opportunity is.

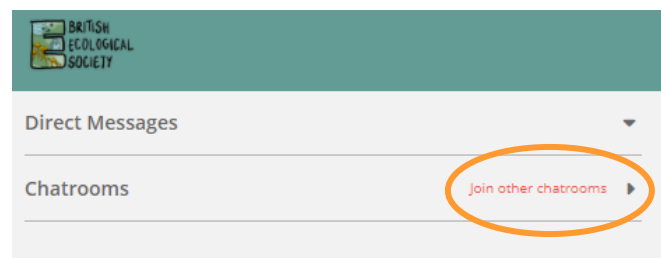
**Help desk chats** - Through the Help Desk you will be able to ask questions related to either 'General Enquiries' or 'Technical Support'. In each case you will be directed to a dedicated chatroom where someone will be online to assist.

**Attachments** - Please note that when you send attachments, they are named a unique number. To make it clear to other delegates what the attachment is, please write a short sentence along with the attachment when you share it.

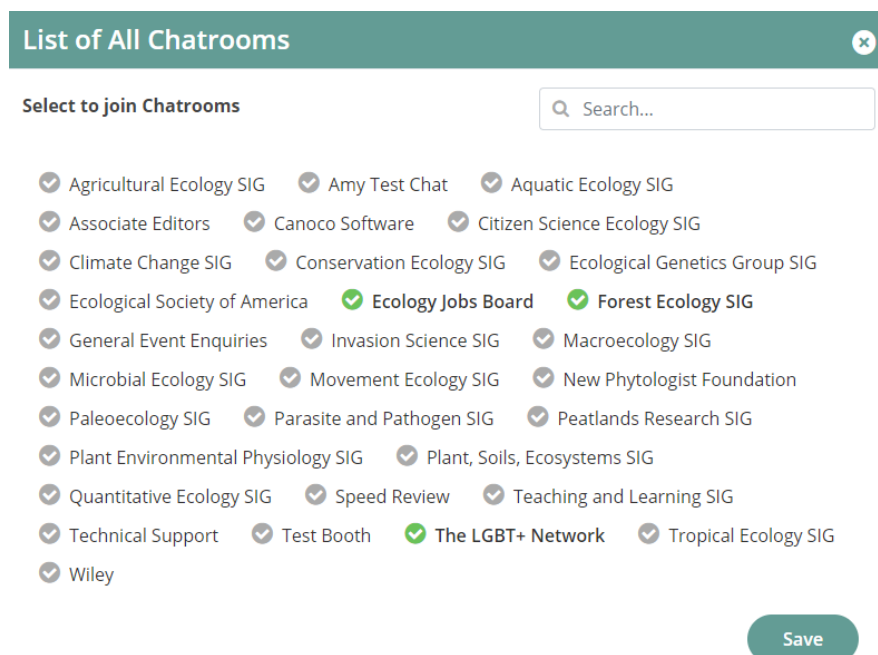
**Notifications** - You will hear a notification sound when any messages are sent to any saved chatrooms or individual chats. The Community Chat window needs to be open to hear this sound. If you close the window, and then open it later, you will see a red circle with the number of notifications you have missed, next to each chat. You can turn this notification on and off by clicking on your name in the top right-hand corner of the Community Chat window.

## Using chatrooms

When you enter the **Community Chat** area, you'll see two options on the left: one for **Direct Messages** and another for **Chatrooms**. To see what chatrooms are available, click the **Join other chatrooms** button.



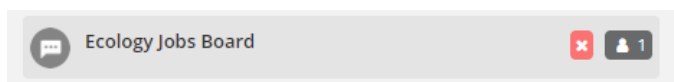
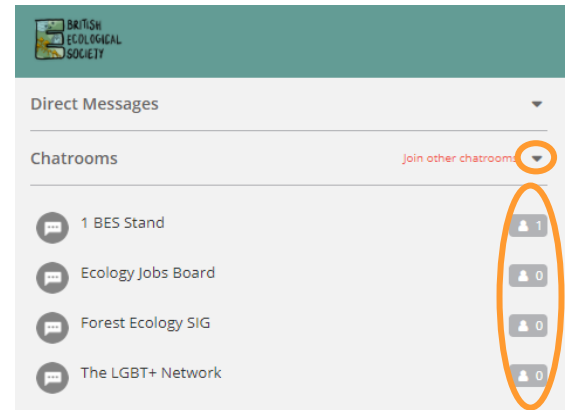
You will get a pop-up with all the available rooms and you can join as many as you like! Choose them by clicking the grey tick next to the room name, which will turn green. Once you have chosen your rooms, click **Save**.



Then, when you click on the small triangle on the right where it says **Chatrooms**, your selected chatrooms will appear below it. Forgot to join a room? Don't worry, you can go back in and select more at any time.

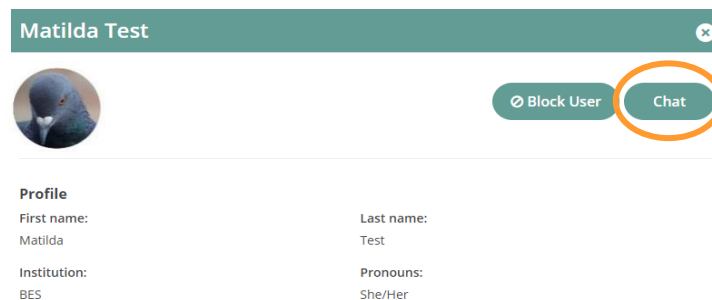
You will be able to see how many people are in each chatroom indicated in the grey boxes on the right.

Want to leave a chatroom? Just hover over the one you want to leave and a red cross will appear. Click it, and the chatroom will be removed from your personal list



## Individual chats

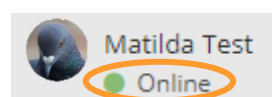
If you want to message just one person, there are a couple of ways you can do this. If you have seen their name in one of the other chatrooms, and you want to message them directly, click on their name. You will get a pop-up of their profile, and in the top right corner it will say **Chat**.



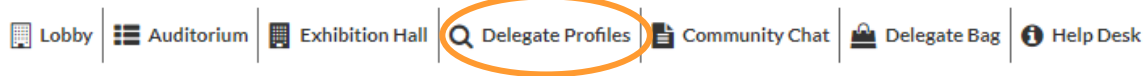
When you click this, it will open a new window where you can chat directly to that delegate. You will have new options on the top right of your chat box as well, which allow you to audio call and video call. *Please make sure the contact is aware you are going to ring them before initiating an audio or video call.*



Please note that other delegates might not always be online at the same time as you and might not reply immediately. If they are online, it should say so under their name, or in the chatrooms their name will appear underneath the online users section on the right.



The other way you can start a chat with a delegate is if you find their delegate profile using the option in the bar at the top of your screen.



Search for the contact and their profile should appear. Send them a chat invitation via the green box saying **Send chat invitation**. This will allow you to schedule a time to speak to them.

## Matilda Test

First name:  
Matilda

Pronouns:  
She/Her

Research keywords (comma separated):  
Forest ecology, Ecological genetics

Send chat invitation

## More chat controls

Now you're chatting to people, but what else can you do in the chat area? First, you can personalise your chat box a little by changing the colour of your font. Click the eyedropper symbol at the top right of your chat box to see if you like any of the options.



You can also share links and files with other delegates you're chatting to! For websites or other online links, just copy and paste them into the chat and they will turn into a clickable link. For attachments, underneath your chat box you will see an option to attach file. Once it has been uploaded, it will appear in blue just above your chat box. You can then type your message and hit send, and it will appear as a link in the chat.



Please note that when you send attachments, they are named a unique number. To make it clear to other delegates what the attachment is, please write a short sentence along with the attachment when you share it.

Seen someone post a message that you want to respond to, but it's quite far up in the chat? Don't worry, just hover over the message you want to reply to and then a **Reply** button will appear on the right.






# COMMUNITY CHAT

**Matilda Test:** December 07, 10:55 am ✕ Remove

Hi Georgina, I just watched your talk and I work in a similar field and wond...

Enter Message 

Once you reply, you will see your messages posted together in the chat.

**Georgina Glaser:** December 07, 10:55 am

**Matilda Test:** December 07, 10:55 am

Hi Georgina, I just watched your talk and I work in a similar field and wondered if you would be about for a chat this week?

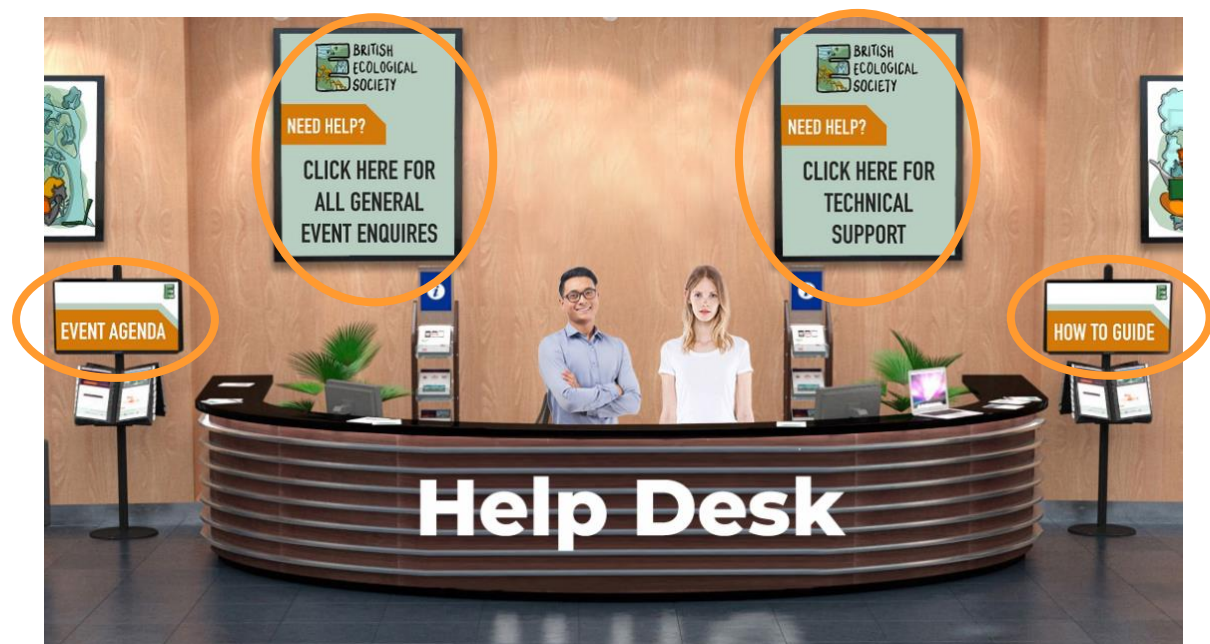
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Hi Matilda, thank you! Yes, I'm free tomorrow at 11:30

If you experience any technical issues or have some general questions, head over to our **Help Desk**. You can access the Help Desk via the option along the top bar or in the middle of the lobby.



Once you reach the Help Desk, you've got a few options available depending on what you need help with. If you want to know the live programme for each day, click **Event Agenda** on the left. A reminder of how to navigate through the website can be found by clicking the **How to Guide** on the right.



For any general event enquiries, click the poster on the wall at the back left that says **All General Event Enquiries** and this will open up a chat channel with the BES Events Team. Please be aware that this is a general chat channel so, as with other group channels, others will be able to see what you have written. However, once within this chatroom you will also have the option of communicating with just one member of the Events Team if you need to. If for some reason you can't use the chat, you can also email us at: [events@britishecologicalsociety.org](mailto:events@britishecologicalsociety.org)

If you're experiencing technical issues, click the poster on the wall at the back right that says **Technical Support** and it will open up a new chat window with a member of the platform's technical support. If for some reason you are not getting a reply, or are struggling to get into the platform altogether, you can also email the technical support at: [festivalofecology@getvfairs.io](mailto:festivalofecology@getvfairs.io)

# CALM CORNER & DELEGATE MAP

You will notice that the Lobby also has a sign saying **Delegate World Map**. We would love to know where all our delegates are joining from around the world, so please do take part! If you click on the poster you will get a pop-up explaining how to add your place on the map (please don't include your personal address, just the country will do!).



You might also be wondering what **Calm Corner** is. The Festival of Ecology is full of great ecology, in both live and on-demand format, across five full days. That can make for quite an intense week sitting and looking at your screen.

In Calm Corner, we've put together some extra activities to take part in that encourage you to take a break, maybe try something new, but still stay connected with the conference.

From scavenger hunts to sounds of nature, cakes to crafting, we've got a range of things for you to get stuck into! Don't forget to share what you get up to with us by using #CalmCorner, and see what other people are doing, too!

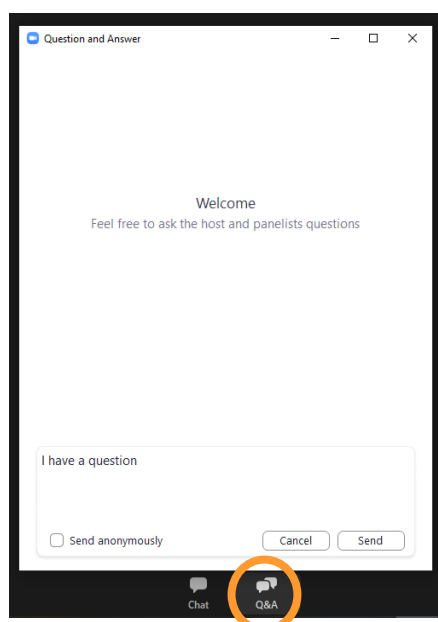
Below are the range of activities you can find. Head to Calm Corner in the lobby to learn more and find out how to get involved!

- BES Bakes
- Christmas day selfies
- Colour in logo
- Conference bingo
- Craft whilst you watch
- Draw your study organism
- Eco yoga
- Incredible Creatures kids' activities
- Live Scribing with Holly McKelvey
- Outdoors scavenger hunt
- Soundscapes from Wildlife Acoustics
- Tai chi
- Wellbeing blogposts

All live sessions will run through Zoom. Although you can use a browser version of Zoom **we strongly recommend downloading the desktop app**, or you will have limited functionality. The desktop app is easy and free to download, and you can get it on [the Zoom website](#).

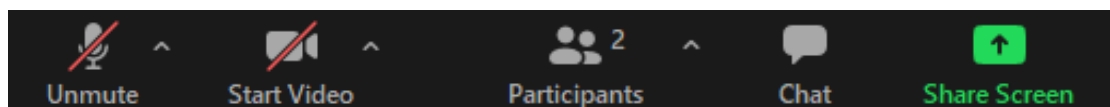
The week before the conference we recommend checking that you have the most updated version. You can do this by logging into your Zoom desktop app, clicking on your profile in the top right-hand corner and selecting **Check for updates**.

During the plenary lectures and thematic sessions, your camera and microphones will be turned off and you will not be able to turn them on, and you will not be able to use the chat. You can ask questions via the **Q&A box** at the bottom of your screen. When you click this, you will get a pop-up where you can type your question and choose to send it anonymously or not. The Chair will then select questions from those submitted, which they will ask the speakers.



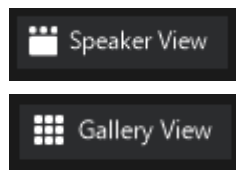
Some of the workshops will be set up this way as well, but other workshops and all networking sessions will allow for more interaction. In those sessions, you will notice more options along the bottom of your screen. Each icon has a different purpose when you click it.

If you click the **microphone** button, it will either turn your microphone on (Unmute) or turn it off (Mute). You can also click the **camera icon**, where you can either turn on your camera (Start Video) or turn it off (Stop Video). The organisers will give you instructions on when to do this. You will also be able to use the chat, where clicking on the **Chat** button will open a window on the right. You can choose to send messages publicly to everyone or to send private messages to individuals. You will not be using the **Share Screen** button as a delegate.



Some workshops might tell you that they will take question via people raising their hand, using the **Raise Hand** button. You can find this by clicking **Participants** along the bottom, and in the pop-up on the left, at the bottom left you should see an option that says **Raise Hand**. If you can't see it, click the three dots and it should appear as an option. If it doesn't, then the organisers have probably removed it.

You can also change your view of the presenters. Click on the icon in the top right of the screen, which will either be set as **Gallery View** or **Speaker View**. When you click it, it changes to the alternative option. Play around and see which one you prefer, but note that these options will only become available when someone has their camera on.



## Breakout rooms

During some of the workshops and networking sessions, the organisers might create breakout rooms. These are rooms where you will be able to interact with a smaller group of people. The organisers will have let you know what your tasks are in the breakout rooms, but unless told otherwise you should aim to have your camera and microphone on at this point, as it is a chance to get to know your fellow delegates! They can be a bit daunting at first, but they are a good opportunity to connect with others, so try and get involved. You can also use the chat boxes in these rooms, here it will be restricted to who is in the room with you and will not post to everyone.

If you have any technical problems, you can call the host by clicking the **Ask for Help** button that will appear at the bottom of your screen. The host will then get a message and will either send one of the organisers there to help you, or if they are dealing with someone else, they will let you know that they will be with you soon.

Maybe this is your first large conference, or first online conference, or both! We've put together some tips to help you navigate through the experience, while remembering to look after yourself.

## Conferencing tips

**Try and schedule in conference time** – Conferences are great ways to hear new research, make new connections, and promote yourself and your work. It's part of the job! But it's very hard to do that effectively if you're trying to work in the background as well. Turn on your out of office email so that people know you won't be able to get back to them immediately. Book time out of your calendar for talks and social events and immerse yourself in the Festival. Having said that....

**Pace yourself** – Remember, most of the content will be available to view in your own time after the live week. The plenary talks and thematic sessions will be recorded, so if you can't attend everything because you need a break that's OK.

**Use social media** – Add your social media handle to your profile and follow some of the conference hashtags like #BES2020, #CalmCorner, #DrawYourStudyOrganism to see what your fellow delegates are up to!

**Check out our socials** – All work and no play is no fun at all, so try to come along to some of our social events where you can! They are a great chance to meet new people and have a bit of fun. To find these, click on the Auditorium in the lobby, and then Networking Sessions in the blue tab along the top.

**Let's talk** – It's never been easy to go up and talk to someone at a conference, and the idea of asking a question in front of a room full of people can be daunting. But now you can make the most of the online alternative! Make use of the chat if you want to talk to someone as a first step, and then when you feel more comfortable move onto the video call option!

Send in those questions you might normally hold back in the Q&A box at the plenary and thematic sessions, or for the on-demand presenters. And remember, there is plenty on the conference bingo card that you can use as an ice breaker if you find it awkward talking to someone. If all else fails, swing by our BES stand, a member of staff will be more than happy to chat!

**Meet the plenary** - After each plenary lecture, we invite PhD students and early-career researchers to come to our Meet the Plenary sessions. This is a great chance to meet our speakers in a smaller more informal setting to ask your questions.

## Looking after yourself

Conferences can be exhausting, and online ones are no exception. But looking after yourself is the number one priority, and that is both physically and mentally.

**Work in comfort** – Make sure that your desk and computer setup is comfortable and safe. If you aren't sure, look for Desk Safety Assessments online, and there will be advice on how to avoid any pain or discomfort.

**Take regular breaks** – Whether it's making a cup of tea, having a short wander, or having a little stretch, make yourself step away from the screen every now and then to rest your eyes and move your body. If you're feeling a bit stiff, why not come to our yoga or tai chi sessions? Head to the Networking Sessions tab in the Auditorium to find out when to join the sessions live!

**Refreshments** – You'd normally be supplied with food and coffee at a conference, and that's what keeps everyone going through the long days. Make sure you've stocked up on everything you need (coffee) so that you can replenish your energy. Why not even bake yourself one of the cakes recommended by BES staff? Pick up your recipe at the BES Stand!

**Calm Corner** – There's no better way to take a break than taking part in some of the Calm Corner activities we've put together. Even if you've never picked up a knitting needle/cake tin/yoga mat in your life, why not try something new? There's a whole range of things to try, so let us know what you've had a go at, and see what others are up to as well!



You can find the daily overview of main live sessions on the conference website. The full programme for the week, including abstracts, can be viewed on the conference app ahead of the live event starting. This should be used as the programme alongside the main conference platform.

The app can be viewed on any device and opened within a web browser if you prefer not to download it. The app allows you to browse content before the conference starts and add any sessions or talks you want to view to your schedule, creating a list of things to watch throughout the week!

We will also announce key reminders on the app, so you can get a notification to your phone before live sessions start, with time to get a tea or coffee before heading back to the main platform.

## Accessing the App

### Access the App via your Phone

- Check your email for an invitation message from the BES CrowdCompass app.
- Click Download the App to be taken to the App Store.
- Click Download and wait for the app to install itself on your device.
- Once installed, open your invitation email again.
- Click Verify Account.
- Click Open App to complete the verification via your new mobile app.
- Password: **BES2020**

### Access the App via the Web:

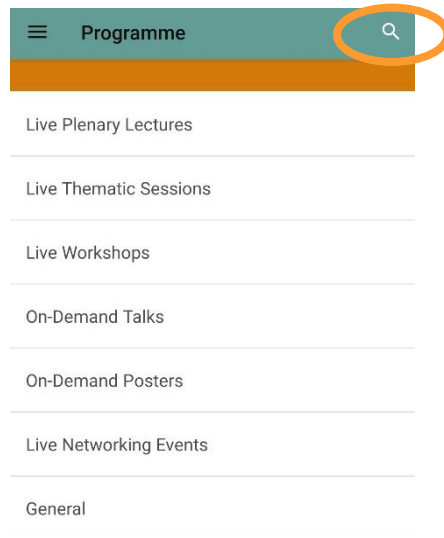
- Check your email for an invitation message from the BES CrowdCompass app.
- Open your invitation email on the device that you plan to use at the event.
- Tap Verify Account.
- Click mobile web browser to complete the verification via the Online Event Guide.
- Password: **BES2020**

You will only be able to access the app using the email address you registered for the conference with.

## Creating your own schedule

There's a lot to keep track of at the Festival of Ecology, but the app is here to help. The week before the conference, you will be able to search through all the live and on-demand content available.

To search through the available content, head to the **Programme** icon and at the top of the screen you will see a search bar. You can search keywords, speaker names, or type of presentation to find presentations of interest to you.



Once you've found something you like the sound of, click the **Add** button to add this to your own personal schedule (note: you need to be viewing the details of the talk/poster/workshop to have this option).

You can also click the **Reminder** button next to the **Add** button and you will receive a reminder before that session starts.

When you have added talks to your schedule, you can view your schedule by clicking the three horizontal lines in the top right and selecting **My Schedule**. You can then select which day you want to view, and you will see what you've lined up for yourself.

Please note all on-demand content runs from Monday 14 – Friday 18 December, but will show in your schedule on Monday as this is the start date of the conference.

