



We have decided to transition SFG gatherings to online events for the interim period and provide some continuity for our community during this difficult time. This will help us to do the right thing under the circumstances and our best to create opportunities for SFG members to add value to freshwaters and stay connected in safe ways.

A bespoke **SFG webinar** will take place on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 from 10:30 am to 13:00 pm** (BST). This will be hosted using Zoom provided by Laurence Carvalho of the UK Centre of Ecology & Hydrology. Email [ScottishFreshwaterGroup@sepa.org.uk](mailto:ScottishFreshwaterGroup@sepa.org.uk) for joining instructions.

This online meeting focuses on SFG's collaborative projects led by some of our enthusiastic and committed members. The first four Action Teams (ATs) were set up to embrace big environmental challenges we are facing. These ATs serve as important catalysts for transforming membership ideas into practical action. So that we can make a dynamic and collective contribution to the future of freshwaters in Scotland.

AT projects thrive with support from our wider SFG community and key partnerships. We hope many of you will join in on the day to find out more about and how to take part in these SFG projects from our people at the helm!

As customary, these meetings are open, welcoming and free for all SFG members to attend – except for beverages, refreshments, snacks and nibbles, etc. (hopefully available in your kitchen cupboards or fridge at home!). We have included the agenda and further information on how to join this online SFG event.

### **Joining Guidelines**

**(1)** On Thursday 22 October 2020, please login to the Zoom meeting promptly at 10:30 am or slightly earlier to be held in the “waiting room”. Your webcam and microphone will automatically be switched off by the system. If you are a SFG member with a facilitator/speaker role at this event, please login 15 min prior to the webinar start time and we will activate your visual/audio settings.

**(2)** We encourage you to get interactive with the speakers and SFG Action Teams by posing questions through the “Chat” panel throughout this webinar. We will select a few examples for Q&A at the end of each AT presentation. To add further interaction, some SFG Action Teams will be posting live polls during their slot for our wider membership to vote on. The results of audience polls will be presented to the AT speakers for brief comments and made available for project members to reflect on after this event. You can also send questions into [SFG mailbox](#) at least one week in advance and we will try to accommodate them on the day.

**(3)** The social media hashtag for this SFG meeting is [#SFGWebinar](#) and we have shared some personal [Twitter handles](#) to encourage connectivity across our SFG community.

## Scottish Freshwater Group bespoke webinar Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020



### Theme – “SFG navigating the challenges of a changing world”

- 10:15 Meeting facilitators and speakers will login to Zoom. Meeting attendees can also connect early and will be held in a “waiting room” for a prompt start
- 10:30 Meeting opens – bring your own cuppa and cakes, biscuits or snacks! Allow several minutes for all attendees to join and get comfortable
- 10:35 Pauline Lang (SFG, [@Scottish\\_FwGrp](#)) [@Dr\\_LangP](#) – “Welcome, SFG Theme & Webinar Proceedings”

**Pauline Lang (Session Chair), Jennifer Dodd (Q&A Facilitator through “Chat” Panel) [@drjdodd](#) [@EdinburghNapier](#) and Laurence Carvalho (Live Polls and Technical Support) [@LaLaurence](#) [@UK\\_CEH](#)**

- 10:45 SFG Action Team #4 – “Changing the future of climate impacts on freshwaters”
- 11:30 SFG Action Team #3 – “Shaping SFG’s Innovation Hub”
- 11:45 SFG Action Team #2 – “Enabling the future of citizen science in and around freshwaters”
- 12:30 SFG Action Team #1 – “Sustainable minds for tackling 21<sup>st</sup> C environmental challenges”

### 12:45 SFG Reflections, Announcements & Meeting Close

**Next meeting of the Scottish Freshwater Group will be held on Thursday 22 April 2021. It is too early to confirm whether this event will go ahead at Stirling University. The default position is preparing for running it, or a modified version of the agenda, online. An announcement will be communicated by the SFG Team, with further updates to follow via e-mail and social media.**

If you would like to offer a talk or poster for future SFG meetings, join our network (membership is free) and receive more details – please email the SFG mailbox ([ScottishFreshwaterGroup@sepa.org.uk](mailto:ScottishFreshwaterGroup@sepa.org.uk)) or contact a SFG Team member. Further information and summary reports can be found on the [SFG website](#). It is also possible to receive SFG notifications via Facebook or follow us on Twitter!



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