

A stylized, blue, flowing letter 'S' logo. The 'S' is composed of two main curved strokes, with a lighter blue stroke overlapping the top right portion. The overall shape is dynamic and modern.

SFG Reflections



# Thank You!

- SFG Guest Coordinators: [Roger Owen with Rebecca Lewis & all collaborators from SFG's Citizen Science Action Team](#) for excellent collaborative efforts in leading SFG agenda organization & facilitating SFG contributions, engagement & session chairing
- [All SFG presenters](#) for your important & highly-valued agenda contributions;  
[All SFG attendees](#) for your ongoing interest & taking part in meeting discussions
- SFG Key Partners: [Nigel Willby & Alan Law](#) at the University of Stirling for hosting our hybrid SFG meeting; [Emma Brodie & Paulette Burns](#) at UK CEH for providing technical/online support today & maintaining SFG website updates throughout the year
- [SFG Team](#) for enabling delivery on the day & extensive year-round voluntary commitments for supporting SFG's purpose & key membership initiatives
- [All members of our SFG community](#) for the inspiring work you do in & around freshwaters; [All previous SFG Coordinators](#) for continued inspiration & support

A large, stylized blue letter 'S' logo is positioned in the background, centered behind the text. The 'S' is composed of two overlapping, curved shapes that create a sense of motion and depth.

Next SFG Meeting  
– Announcing 2024 Plans

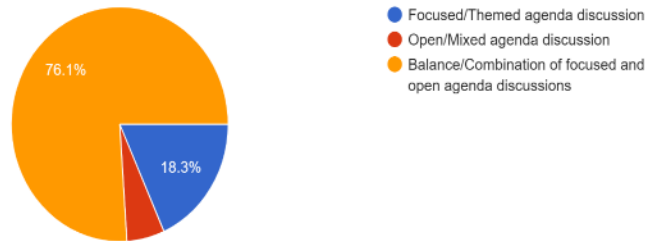


# Future of SFG Meetings

## Responding to SFG membership consultation survey (2022) outcomes

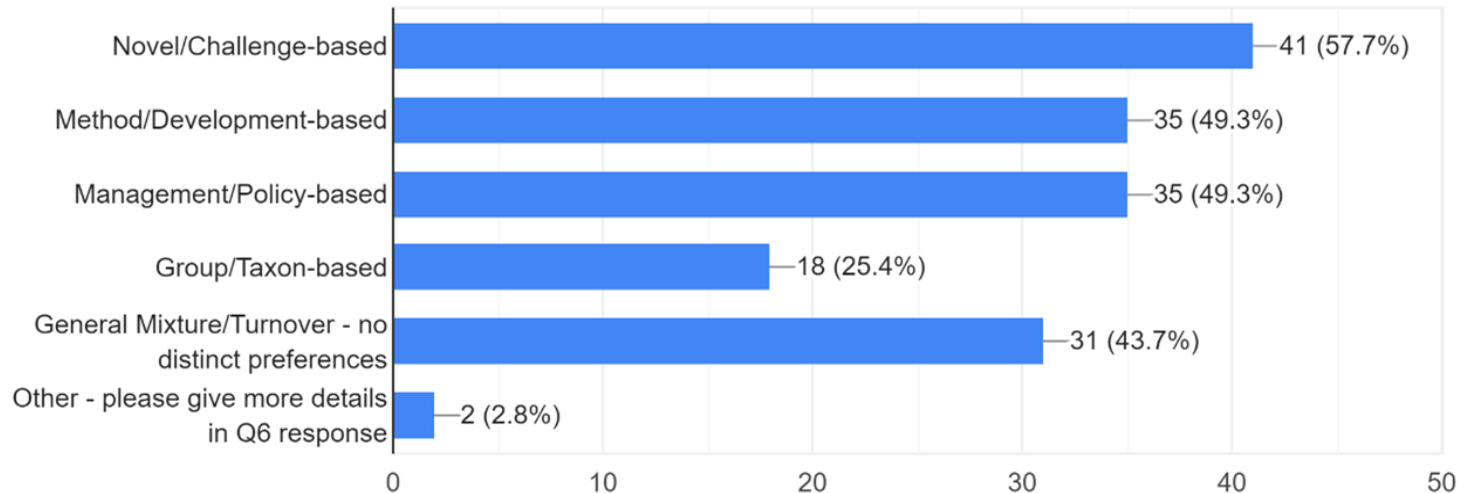
Q4. Which type of SFG meeting agendas will you prefer to access and contribute towards in the future?

71 responses



Q5. Which agenda focus areas tend to draw your interest and participation as a SFG member? Please choose as many or few examples as you like.

71 responses





# SFG Spring 2024

**SFG 110<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April**

***Open/Mixed topic agenda discussion on freshwaters:***

***Celebrating the diversity of freshwater work happening across our SFG community***

**Led by Kerr Adams (SFG Team) & hosted by Nigel Willby (University of Stirling),  
with support from the SFG Team**

- Aims to bring together a broad range of people, projects & partnerships connected with the freshwater environment, reflective of diverse interests, career profiles & sectors of our SFG membership – examples can be from Scotland, UK & international contexts
- Agenda slots **open to all SFG members** for talks & posters **on any topic related to freshwaters**
- Offer of agenda contributions welcome!  
Please contact: [kerradamsSFG@gmail.com](mailto:kerradamsSFG@gmail.com)
- **Tom Leatherland** has kindly agreed to chair agenda proceedings



The plan for this event is to proceed as a full-day hybrid SFG meeting with dual option to attend in-person (limited pre-registered spaces) or join via MS Teams on the day



# SFG Autumn 2024

**SFG 111<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> of October**

***DNA-based assessments of freshwater ecosystems:***

***Current status from methods to management***

**Led by SFG Guest Coordinators Pete Hollingsworth & Will Goodall-Copestake from the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (Scottish DNA Hub Secretariat) & hosted by Nigel Wilby (University of Stirling), with support from the SFG Team**

- Bringing together the Scottish Freshwater Group & the Scottish DNA Hub communities to highlight the use of DNA tools for assessing freshwater systems – this knowledge exchange event will aim to cover the latest advances & challenges in freshwater DNA analysis, with options for implementing this at management & policy levels in Scotland
- Agenda slots **open to all SFG & Hub members** for **talks on use of DNA approaches in freshwaters & posters on any topic related to freshwaters**
- Offer of SFG agenda contributions welcome!  
Please contact: [wgoodallcopestake@rbge.org.uk](mailto:wgoodallcopestake@rbge.org.uk)



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# SFG Key Reminders

## Various opportunities for SFG members to make contributions

- SFG Meeting Agendas – [talks, posters, demos & audience questions](#)
- SFG Action Team projects – [enabling freshwater citizen science contributions](#)
- SFG Guest Coordinator & Session Chairing roles – [tailored options & training provided](#)
- SFG Team – [drive, support & deliver meetings, key initiatives, membership opportunities](#)

## Continue to stay connected with our SFG community & membership activities

- If you [already](#) get SFG email updates – you are a registered SFG member
- If you [don't get](#) SFG email updates – you are missing out! So please (re)join the membership or ask the SFG Team to check email address listed for contacting you
- If you've [moved job or email](#) – let us know about any changes to your contact details

[\[We can only send SFG emails to the preferred contact email address provided – it is your responsibility to advise us of any changes to your personal data so that we can take appropriate GDPR action \(update or erasure\) when it is needed\]](#)

## Please return your name badges when leaving today

- We will [reuse](#) them for future SFG meetings – [thank you :\)](#)



# SFG Community

**Promoting expertise & collaboration on a wide range of issues related to the freshwater environment – one of Scotland’s most precious natural resources**

- SFG membership is **free** & **multi-beneficial**
- Currently **~370** SFG members & **twice-yearly** hybrid meetings
- Please feel encouraged to become part of our SFG community & make future contributions by completing the **SFG Membership Joining Form**
  - <https://forms.gle/3CXHocz7XFaiGSNVA>



Scottish Freshwater Group



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**Contact the SFG Team:** [scottishfreshwatergroup@gmail.com](mailto:scottishfreshwatergroup@gmail.com)

**SFG Website:** [www.ceh.ac.uk/scottish-freshwater-group](http://www.ceh.ac.uk/scottish-freshwater-group)



# SFG Connectivity



## In-person option for all those who feel comfortable

- All welcome to help reinvigorate SFG's social side after the SFG meeting today
- Join us in the [Meadowpark Hotel](#) for a catch up from ca 5pm onwards





Thanks again,  
please take good care &  
look forward to seeing  
everyone next time!