



Optimising citizen science at the SFG



Who are we?

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Mission statement

- To enable SFG to have a pivotal role in encouraging citizen science activities in Scottish freshwater systems, to the benefit of all participants and stakeholders



BHAG

Big, Hairy, Audacious Goal



Objectives

1. To act as a platform and information resource on citizen science initiatives in Scotland
2. To use this information to identify data gaps and to identify pressures on freshwaters
3. To identify examples of successful public engagement and places where stakeholders are not being engaged
4. To identify where further citizen science initiatives are best targeted, and seek to foster collaboration and funding
5. To ensure that the work of citizen scientists is represented and celebrated at SFG meetings



How will we do this?

- Bring together different projects and organisations
 - Find or create a platform/website
 - Integrated initiatives
- Work with collaborative partners and volunteers
- Funding?



Some questions:

- Is this useful? What information would you use, and how?
- What sources of information do you currently use to find citizen science initiatives and data?
- What key issues/themes should we focus on?
- What platforms/websites can we use?
- Do you have expertise? Can you help?



Come and talk to us