

ALERC

Association of Local Environmental
Records Centres



Autumn Conference 2011



29th September 2011

9:45am to 4:00pm

How to get there:

<http://www.bvsc.org/getting>

**BVSC, The Centre for
Voluntary Action,**

**138 Digbeth, Birmingham,
B5 6DR**

Conference programme 2011

09:45 10:20 Registration & coffee

10:20 10:40 Welcome & Introduction, Accreditation update – Gary Lewis, Chair of ALERC

10:40 11:05 Current guidance & Legislation

Nicky will review the new and existing legislation, look at how they are interpreted and will try to assess what they mean for an LRC in terms of its responsibilities and those of its partner organisations

Nicky Court: ALERC Director & Hampshire BIC Manager

(11:00 to 11:05 - Questions)

11:05 11:30 Getting the most from the NBN: Improving data flow and data access

Local Record Centres supply a quarter of the 65 million records available via the NBN Gateway and play a vital role in the capture, verification, interpretation and use of biodiversity data. However, many LRCs are not yet deriving full benefit from the access to data, tools and services provided by the NBN, and there is an urgent need for clear data flow standards across the network. By facilitating regional and national data exchange agreements, providing technical support as required and working to develop agreed data flow standards, the NBN has the potential to help LRCs enhance their data provision services and to support them in the process of achieving ALERC accreditation.

Paula Lightfoot: NBN Trust Data Access Officer

(11:25 to 11:30 - Questions)

11:30 11:45 Tea & coffee break

11:45 12:45 Soapbox presentations

A series of 5 minute presentations open to everyone, on any subject you like. Sign up in advance or on the day (space permitting). See opposite if you wish to participate

(12:30 to 12:45) Questions, comments and summing up

12:45 14:00 Lunch & networking (N.B. lunch is provided)

Posters & Post-it note board for ALERC members:

- 1, "Matchmaking" - post a problem, find a solution from another LRC
- 2, Suggestions for ALERC

14:00 14:30 ALERC AGM :

1, Apologies, 2, Chairman's report, 3, Treasurer's report, 4, Appointments, 5, Any other business.

Board of Directors: Gary Lewis, Nicky Court, Darwyn Sumner, Tim Corner, Eric Fletcher, Mark Wills, Craig Slawson, Teresa Frost, Aisling Carrick plus recently elected Mandy Rudd & Simon Wood (now retired: Adam Rowe, Charles Roper.)

14:30 15:15 Parallel Workshops

1. How does your Data flow?

Looking at Amateur Naturalist, Consultant & Targeted Survey data and the movements of this data. Will also examine the increasing LRC uptake of consultancy data and the mechanisms through which this can be achieved

Paula Lightfoot (NBNT) Mandy Rudd (GIGL) & Aisling Carrick (Cofnod)

2. Best practise & Accreditation

The workshop will look at the current status of the development of an LRC accreditation system, the experiences of the Accreditation Assessor and the manager of an LRC going through accreditation.

Gary Lewis (ERCCIS) & John Cornell (CPERC)

3. Widening the funding net -

The workshop will look 'outward' at potential new clients and income streams, the challenges this brings and the strategies needed to secure engagement. As well as looking 'inward' at the usual suspects and discuss the potential for enhanced service provision to existing clients and partners.

Ian Egerton (DBRC)

4. Habitat data - obtaining & managing habitat data

The collection and management of habitat data is less established than that of species data. This workshop will look at collection methodologies, digitising standards, base mapping & the issues around this. How can LRCs increase the collection of habitat data and develop this niche?

Simon Wood (WBRC)

5. Managing Local Sites data - a dedicated system

Managing & reporting on local sites data – sharing experiences of handling this data. Dan and Roy have both been involved in developing systems for managing 2nd tier sites data (LWS/SINC/SNCI etc). In this workshop Dan & Roy will give a brief overview of their system; the issues, opportunities and future developments can then be discussed.

Dan Jones (YHEDN), Roy Tapping (Cofnod)

(don't forget to select your workshop in advance at the Doodle and booking form overleaf)

15:15 15:25 Tea & coffee (bring your tea & biscuits into the main lecture room for an early start)

15:25 16:00 Feedback, summing up and close



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About this conference

All the burning issues of the day at this year's conference: Key topics being up to date guidance and legislation from Nicky Court whilst Paula Lightfoot will consider the evolving role of LRCs with regard to data flow and data access in the NBN, focussing on the opportunities provided by new technology and the implications of recent legislation and national funders' priorities. Paula will outline specific opportunities for LRCs and the NBN Trust to work together over the next three years on funded projects to increase the efficiency of data flow, improve data access and fulfil the commitment made in the NBN's 2010-2020 Strategy to "work with Local Record Centres to ensure they derive maximum benefit from the NBN partnership in delivering access to quality assured data for their clients, while supporting local recording".

SOAPBOX SESSION: This is your chance to get involved and have your say. We are looking for people to take up a 5 minute spot in the session. The subject & format can be whatever you want, so whether you want to talk about a successful recent project, appeal to the rest of the LRC community for help with a particular problem or just want a rant about a particular LRC issue – the floor is yours. Time will be strictly limited to 5 minutes and 1 powerpoint slide.

To register your interest in taking a slot in the soapbox session, indicate this on the booking form and we will contact you, or contact Mark directly. mark.wills@neyedc.co.uk.

Workshop selection using Doodle

Each delegate should register their intention to attend at our Doodle <http://doodle.com/gmrbt2yxts5xmeqk> which is where you must also select the workshop you wish to attend.

- Workshop 1: How does your data flow?
- Workshop 2: Best practise & Accreditation
- Workshop 3: Widening the funding net
- Workshop 4: Habitat data
- Workshop 5: Managing/reporting Local Sites data

Note that you may make changes to your Doodle entry up to a week before the conference date. Use the same site in that final week to download a list of your fellow delegates.

FEES PER DELEGATE

Please note that becoming a member of ALERC entitles you to a preferential booking rate as well as being able to help shape the future development of ALERC and its policies and projects. An application form can be downloaded at www.alerc.org.uk and should be sent to Nicky Court along with the Conference booking form and fees

- ALERC members £20**
- Non-members £40**

Delegate Booking Form - for rates see above

Booking forms to arrive no later than 22nd September 2011

Please register the following delegates:

Local Records Centre:										
	Title	First Name	Surname	Workshop					ALERC Member (please tick)	Fee
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Payment details:

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Sort code 089299 Account Number 65367872 50

For **BACS** payments please email notification of the payment; including date, amount and name of LRC to nicky.court@hants.gov.uk

Cheques payable to : Association of Local Environmental Records Centres cic

Invoices can only be requested if bookings are received early enough - no later than the 15th September.

Please send your booking form and cheques/BACS notification to:

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