

# YHREF 2010

## new beginnings york&northyorkshiresubregion

How can organisations better and more cost-effectively work together across Yorkshire & Humber on environmental issues?

What environmental character do you want to have ten/twenty years from now?

What is the role of Sub-Regions in enhancing the environment?

Yorkshire & Humber Regional Environment Forum is in its tenth year. In that time we have enjoyed many achievements, especially devising and pursuing a shared environmental agenda, influencing decision-making, developing a widely-envied online network.

We have also learned many hard lessons and faced perennial challenges, as money has become tighter and partner organisations have been through difficult structural changes.

One of the most striking changes over the last decade has been that political attitudes to climate change have been revolutionised – locally, nationally and internationally – and the environmental community

now needs to maintain this momentum during difficult economic times.

2010 is shaping up to be a year of unknown quantities and interesting challenges: a new coalition government, spending cuts across the public sector, and the growth of sub-regions as units of planning and decision-making.

*So what will become of environment?*

*Who will be making the decisions?*

*Do we need to do things differently, and are we equipped to do so?*

To help answer these questions YHREF would like to invite you to a workshop to catalyse and improve working relationships between environmental organisations and local and sub-regional partnerships.

## get involved

**Date:**

Thursday 12th August 2010  
09:30am - 1pm

**Venue:**

Foss House, Natural England,  
York

**Contact and Booking:**

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# our agenda

# events 2010

09.30	Coffee and introductions from YHREF	Simon Bowens
10.10	Context setting – latest developments from coalition Government and growth of role of sub-regions	Simon Bowens
10.25	Reaction to developments from York and North Yorkshire Partnership.	Jonathan French (York & North Yorkshire Partnership)
10:35	Update on environmental evidence work and ecosystems services report carried out for Yorkshire Futures, Natural England, Environment Agency and Forestry Commission.	Tim Ashelford (GOYH)
10:50	A snapshot of the York and North Yorkshire area	Martin Elliott (Y&NYP)
11:00	Update on North Yorkshire Countryside Strategy	Richard Walker (NYCC)
11:15	Coffee	
11:30	Roundtable discussions focussed on three areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing carbon footprint</li> <li>• Enhancing natural environment and environmental capacity</li> <li>• Creating a more sustainable place</li> </ul>	Facilitators: Simon Bowens Colin Holm (NE) Martin Elliott
12:15	Report back from groups	
12:30	Next steps – Is there an appetite for closer dialogue between environmental stakeholders and YNYP? What should this look like? Do we want to establish a network of environmental groups, organisations and businesses to ensure sustainable development?	Simon Bowens

## Sub-Regional Workshops

Leeds City Region

**Tuesday 13th July**

York & North Yorkshire Sub-Region

**Thursday 12th August**

Humber Sub-Region

**September TBC**

Sheffield City Region

**September TBC**

## Policy Conference

Regionwide

**November TBC**

Sign up via the website to receive more detailed information about each event as it develops and to have an opportunity to shape the events so that they are relevant to you and your organisation.

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