

# Bioregional Learning Journey

Experience first-hand how South Devon is building climate resilience

9-14 September, 2019



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BIOREGIONAL  
LEARNING  
CENTRE

What might a joined-up climate resilience strategy for South Devon look like? What would make this place more resilient, who's making change happen and where are the nodes, links, and 'leverage points'? What's the role of surprising events? Travelling around the bioregion, you'll meet do-ers... policy makers, academic researchers, river scientists, shell fishers, farmers, landowners, health experts, community innovators and 'new radicals'.

We'll be learning collectively, as a group of 'detectives' and as individuals, mapping for resilience as we go. We'll look at how resilient South Devon is now and how that could be measured. Learning from local experience, we will hear how climate change is already having an impact and what responses are being demanded of us. Every sector and each place is facing many challenges.

At the end of each day's programme we will reflect on how the challenges connect up and how visible they are to people.

Map of the pioneering Cascadia bioregion in the Pacific NW, USA  
Photo by Alex Philip @BigDataAlex



"A good map opens a window onto the world. A special map opens up that world in a new way. A good map tells a story. A great map evokes a new story."  
- Dr. David McCloskey

## Full Programme (7) 5 and a half days

Benefit from additional time given to reflection and co-creation. Includes lunch, dinner. Limited places, apply to participate.

Mon 9th

### Day Programme (1)

## River Soil, Food & Enterprise

#### Climate impact issues in the lowlands of the River Dart catchment:

Top soil retention. Water quality and quantity. Food security. Stewardship of natural resources. Biodiversity in a wildlife corridor. Transport and networks. Innovation.

**Making a Timeline**  
"Human Response to Ecosystem Change" with **Glenn Page**, our bioregional colleague from Maine USA.

**Book for a single day or more.** Limited places, apply to participate.

**Cost options:**  
£90 per day, includes lunch and transport  
£120 per day, includes lunch, transport and dinner with the team

**Programme timing:**  
9.30am to 6pm

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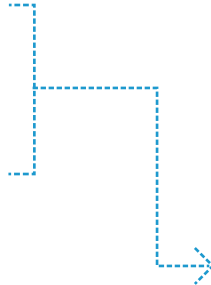
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### Day Programme (2)

## City Energy, Housing & Wellbeing

#### Climate impact issues in the City of Plymouth:

Generating and storing clean energy. Health, including mental health and wellbeing. Provision of fresh food. Military legacy. Service-based economy. Ferry link to Europe.



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Wed 11th

### Day Programme (3)

## Moor Water, Wildlife & Stored Carbon

#### Climate impact issues on Dartmoor:

Capturing and storing water. Farming for the future. Preservation of wild places. Heritage and tourism.

#### Evening Conversation Café

Delicious dinner with local food. It's an opportunity to meet and talk at small tables with people from different backgrounds and shared concerns. Speakers TBD.

Open to all  
7-10pm  
The Barrel House, Totnes  
£20, no-host bar



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Thur 12th

### Event (4)

## Water Resilience Summit

A day of action-orientated discussions to explore what water resilience (and non-resilience) means for people, communities, businesses and the environment. Hear inspiring stories from local 'resilience champions' about the impacts and challenges they are facing and the actions they are taking to overcome them.

CONFIRMED SPEAKER:

**Dr. Nick Paling** from Westcountry Rivers Trust  
"How water-resilient is Devon now and what can we do to improve it?"

Free, open to all  
10am-4pm  
Totnes Civic Hall



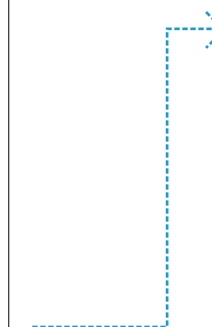
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Fri 13th

### Day Programme (5)

## Coast Fishing, Infrastructure & Culture

Climate impact issues in Brixham and Torbay: Sustainable fishing in warming seas. Catch value. Sea walls and flooding. The role of culture in imagining the future.



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Sat 14th

### Half-day Programme (6)

## Making Bioregional Transformation Visible

In this optional half day we'll pull together our learning and co-design next steps towards a regional resilience strategy, identifying who else needs to be 'in the room'.

With the timeline, we'll look at blocks to, and opportunities for, climate resilience given this bioregion's unique characteristics.

Planning together for the Resilience Summit, open to all, in South Devon in September 2020 we will be:

- Locating the 'leverage points' where small shifts might lead to big change
- Exploring how governance, business, civil society and academia can work together
- Balancing the needs of Nature with human economic need
- Finding our agency to act at all levels.

Free for Day Programme participants  
9:30-1pm

For details and to apply contact: [isabel.carlisle@bioregion.org.uk](mailto:isabel.carlisle@bioregion.org.uk)

20/05/19 All aspects of the Learning Journey are subject to change.