

WORKSHOP

DAM AND WEIR REMOVAL IN THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

Dam Removal Europe, the Environment Agency and Severn Rivers Trust invite you to join the Workshop on technical and political challenges on dam and weir removal on the 25th and 26th of September 2017 in Birmingham, England.

You are invited to the 2nd Dam Removal Europe Workshop. It is being hosted in the UK's second city of Birmingham right in the centre of England with good transport links from all UK regions. The workshop is in the city centre at Conference Aston Center. For this occasion the Dam Removal Partnership is working with the Severn Rivers Trust and the Environment Agency who have helped to organise an exciting programme of talks, with reference to the particular challenges of dam removal in the urban environment.

The workshop starts with a plenary session on the challenges of dam removals in the urban environment. Delegates will then have a choice of three parallel sessions to pick and choose the areas of dam removals that particularly interest them. The presentations in the three parallel sessions fall into technical, social/legal and ecological aspects of dam removal.

The draft programme has contributors from throughout Europe and will be an important event to learn about dam removal, the challenges facing different organisations across Europe as well as an important opportunity to exchange knowledge and develop networks that will help deliver dam removal in years to come. As they say "the biggest obstacle to dam removal is in our heads", we hope this workshop will help remove this dam.

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PROGRAM

Confirmed presentations will cover the following topics:

- Community involvement and legal aspects of dam removal
- Case studies of dam removals in both urban and rural locations and reasons why dam removal is not always possible
- Dam prioritisation, what is better to removal, one large or several small dams?
- Ecological and river habitat recovery post removal

The second day is the equally important site visits to see where dam removal has been achieved or are planned in the future. The delegates will have the choice of two site visits:

1. A visit to see one of the sites where a removal is planned as part of one of the largest catchment restoration projects in Europe, but is proving controversial with some and then onto a successful removal undertaken in 2011 to see how the habitat has changed
2. A visit to a series of weir constructed in the 1970's for flood defence purposes which are now in a programme of removal to restore this important salmon spawning habitat.

Costs

Tickets cost 122,09 EU.

For reservations, information on accommodations and travel options follow this link to Evenbrite webpage:

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