



Valuing our Life Support Systems 2014

6th & 7th November, British Library, London

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Participants meetings

The Participants Meetings will be a chance for attendees to develop their own sessions in an informal setting during [Valuing our Life Support Systems 2014](#).

Participants Meetings can be arranged prior to the summit, or set up during the event as delegates make connections and want to explore topics further.

These small, informal meetings are a chance for you to share expertise, showcase your research or projects, and debate the key challenges in your work, outside of the existing parallel sessions.

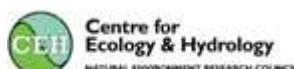
If you have an idea for a Participants Meeting, please get in touch via secretariat@naturalcapitalinitiative.org

Format

The Participants Meetings will be exactly that; driven and organised by the participants. You decide what you want to cover and how you want to structure the meeting. We'll provide a space and a timeslot, advertise to the delegates, and help with reporting.

When & Where

The open sessions will run at the same time as the parallel working sessions and be held in the foyer of the British Library. The sessions will be held *standing* as well as in the "nooks" in the foyer which provide a small number of built-in seats.





Each session will run for one hour; session organisers will commit to hold the session twice in 20 minute intervals during the time slot, allowing time for participants to move on to the next open session if they wish to do so.

Each nook holds 8-10 people seated, with a few more standing.

Leading an open session

You can volunteer to lead a Participants Meeting in your area of expertise. Your job will be to not only provide expertise but also to lead the discussion and provide structure to the debate. The sessions should do one or more of the following;

- enable peer-to-peer learning
- facilitate networking
- share expertise and skills
- develop ideas on how to better incorporate natural capital in decision making

Your views will be a tremendous contribution to the event. We are keen to ensure all discussions during this summit help to develop the understanding and promotion of natural capital, rather than the environment in general. We would therefore like to ask you to emphasize the concept of natural capital as much as possible.

Capture your ideas

To ensure all discussions that take place during Valuing our Life Support Systems 2014 are captured adequately, we ask organisers to summarise the outputs of their

Participants Meeting in a short report (max. one page) following the Summit. Key points will also be reported to the Conference Chair

In addition, two NCI team members will move between participant sessions to assist the development of productive discourse

Sign up

- You can also email us suggested topics at secretariat@naturalcapitainitiative.org.uk
- Prior to the event, you can suggest topics for discussion on Twitter, using #VoLSS14hub.
- If a meeting idea is sparked during the conference, please get in touch with a member of the NCI secretariat, who will be advertising sessions.
- Please note, there is a limited number of time slots for participants sessions, so we will allocate sessions on a 'first come, first served' basis

Advertising your session

You can advertise your sessions on Twitter, using #VoLSS14hub, as well as the old fashioned way on a centrally placed message board. We will notify delegates of the Participants Meetings for that day during the opening remarks of the conference. Please note, we cannot guarantee attendance at your session, so we advise to advertise your meeting as soon as possible.