

# Becoming a high-value forest nation

## DRAFT EVENT PROGRAMME

Date: 26 June 2019

Venue: Neuadd Reichel, Bangor University, Gwynedd LL57 2TR

### 08.30 – 09.30 Registration and expo

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09.30 – 09.40 Welcome from host - **Dr Rob Elias** (Director, The BioComposites Centre)

#### Session 1: Becoming a high-value forest nation - Chaired by: Gary Newman (Woodknowledge Wales)

- 09.40 Introduction to the conference - **Gary Newman** (CEO, Woodknowledge Wales)
- **09.50 Julie James AM** – Minister for Housing & Local Government (Video Address)
- 10.00 KEY NOTE: How Ireland is turning itself into a high-value forest nation - **Des O'Toole** (Commercial Business Development Manager, Coillte)
- 10.30 Exhibitor quick-fire elevator pitches

### 11.00 – 11.30 Break and expo

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#### Session 2: Forestry innovation and expansion - Chaired by: Tabitha Binding (TRADA)

- 11.30 The potential for expansion of Welsh forestry - **Prof John Healey** (Bangor University)
- 12.00 Adding-value to the wood supply chain - **Andy Leitch** (Scottish Forestry)
- 12.30 Product innovation and the demand for wood - **Dr Graham Ormondroyd** (The BioComposites Centre)

### 13.00 – 13.45 Lunch and expo

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#### Session 3: Zero-Carbon Housing by 2030 - Chair: Sarah Laing-Gibbens (Welsh Government, Homes & Places)

- 13.45 Timber OSM and Welsh Government's Innovative Housing Programme. **Sarah Laing-Gibbens**
- 14.00 Housing fit for purpose: Performance, feedback and learning **Prof Fionn Stevenson**, (Sustainable Design, Sheffield University)
- 14.30 Housing fit for a climate emergency: Whole life carbon thinking, **Professor Callum Hill** (JCH Industrial Ecology), **Eilidh Forster** (Woodknowledge Wales)

### 15.00 – 15.30 Break and expo

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#### Session 4: The BIG debate. How does Wales become a high-value forest nation? Chaired by: Christiane Lellig - Wood for Good

With key contributors from the forestry products supply chain.

### 16.30 Conference Close followed by Drinks Reception

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Closing statement - **Gary Newman** (CEO, Woodknowledge Wales)

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