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**Enhancing environmental sustainability through inter-disciplinary action  
Aberdeen Centre for Environmental Sustainability, University of Aberdeen**

**FREE Workshop for early career researchers and PhD students interested in working in interdisciplinary research: 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at the University of Aberdeen**

The Aberdeen Centre for Environmental Sustainability (ACES) brings together natural and social scientists to carry out inter-disciplinary research on environmental sustainability.

Associated with ACES is a network of early career researchers from across the Aberdeen research community with an interest in interdisciplinary approaches to environmental sustainability. This workshop aims to expand this network by inviting applications from a diverse range of researchers whom are interested in the challenges and opportunities of increasing the impact of interdisciplinary research. Participants will take part in discussions and workshops on overcoming barriers to successful interdisciplinary research and contribute to workshop outputs including publications and the development of a collaborative research project on assessing the impacts of interdisciplinary research.

**Who should attend?**

This workshop is aimed at PhD students and early career researchers who are either working in interdisciplinary research or who currently work in a single discipline but intend to move into interdisciplinary work in the future. *To apply please fill in the attached application form.*

**Sharing experience**

To provide a platform for discussion, participants are invited to give a short presentation at the workshop (5mins) relating to their experiences in interdisciplinary research. Presented case studies should be relevant to one of the following categories: 1) What makes interdisciplinary work successful?, 2) Obstacles to making an impact with interdisciplinary research, 3) Evaluating the success and impact of interdisciplinary research, 4) How can future

interdisciplinary work be improved? 5) Moving from single disciplines to interdisciplinary research: experiences and lessons.

### **Keynote speakers**

During the workshop there will be talks by two invited speakers; Dr. Ioan Fazey: experienced in interdisciplinary work and Dr. Hilary Homans: experienced in working at the science-policy interface.

### **Workshop discussion groups**

Participants will take part in one of the three parallel workshop discussion groups to focus on a particular aspect of interdisciplinary research and contribute to workshop outputs associated with these.

- a) Evaluating the Impacts of Interdisciplinary Research Projects
- b) Challenges of moving towards Interdisciplinarity
- c) Interdisciplinarity in policy and education

**Application Form:** <http://www.aces.ac.uk/news.php>

**Attendance is Free!**

**Workshop to be held at: Aberdeen Arts Centre, 33 King Street, Aberdeen AB24 5AA**

Day 1: 08:30-17:30

Day 2: 09:00-17:00

Participants to provide 50 work abstract for talk.