



Annual Biodiversity Conference 2009

Thursday April 23rd,
Botanical Gardens, Birmingham

**Working with Local Authorities
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Programme:

- 10.00** Coffee & Registration
- 10.15** Conference Welcome and Opening
– Mike Kinghan (Regional Director Wildlife Trusts and Chairman of WMBF) and Olwen Dutton (Chief Executive West Midlands Regional Assembly)
- 10.45** Launch of *The state of the natural environment in the West Midlands*
– Roger Owen, Regional Director, Natural England
- 11.10** Coffee & Biodiversity Pledge signing event for local authorities
- 11.40** 'Embedding the Duty across Local Authority services'
– David Pape (Head of Ecology, Hampshire County Council)
- 12.00** 'Championing Biodiversity and developing a new community wetland'
– Councillor Adrian Darby and Jim Burgin (Wychavon District Council)
- 12. 20** 'Working with social services' - Coner Kretsch (Director Cohab Initiative)
- 12.40** LUNCH
- 1.40** 'Making it happen through the biodiversity levy' – A case study from Bedfordshire Council – Heather Webb (Bedslife Coordinator)
- 2.00** 'Why we signed the Pledge' – Mark Meredith (Mayor of Stoke on Trent)
- 2.20** 'Data and the Duty' – Dave Lowe (Principal Ecologist, Warwickshire County Council)
- 2.40** 'The Biodiversity Indicator & the Duty – making it work?'
– Paul Cobbing (Sustainable Futures Directorate, GOWM)
- 3.00** Discussion, Summing-up & Close



West Midlands 50 Year Biodiversity
Vision & Opportunity



Legend:
Regional Biodiversity Opportunity Areas

- Landscape Areas
- Urban Areas
- Strategic River Corridors
- Growth Points

Scale 1:500,000
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a vibrant, diverse and
natural West Midlands,
where we are connected to
our wildlife and landscape,
healthy, sustainable
communities and local
livelihoods, working with
nature and securing the
future...
...a landscape for living*