

### **What is CREW?**

The Centre of Expertise for Waters (CREW) is a partnership between the James Hutton Institute, the Scottish Government and its agencies (SEPA and Scottish Water) and Scottish Higher Education Institutes. It ensures that water research and expertise is available and accessible to the policy community, in a timely and effective manner. CREW is funded by the Scottish Government.

[www.crew.ac.uk](http://www.crew.ac.uk) Contact: [Bob Ferrier](#) Tel: 01224 395395

### **CREW enquiry service - have you got a question for CREW?**

CREW experts respond to enquiries and requests for rapid research from policy colleagues in Scottish Government, Scottish Water and SEPA. Recent requests have led to work on terrestrial carbon flows to the marine environment; use of alum sludge as a soil improver; and flood insurance.

[www.crew.ac.uk/enquiry-service](http://www.crew.ac.uk/enquiry-service). Contact: [CREW staff](#) Tel: 01224 395395

### **Register with CREW**

We invite all water experts in Scottish HEIs to register with CREW and the Scottish Government's Hydro Nation Agenda. Registration is quick and easy. Benefits include the opportunity to access CREW funding to deliver research for the water policy community and alerts to opportunities under the SG's Hydro Nation agenda, the such as Hydro Nation scholars and PhDs. [SIGN UP HERE](#)

[www.crew.ac.uk/get-involved](http://www.crew.ac.uk/get-involved) Contact: [Wendy Kenyon](#) Tel: 01224 395295

### **CREW Water Futures Day**

CREW's first Water Futures Day will be held in Edinburgh on 7 November. The purpose of this day is to explore upcoming water policy challenges and consider how research can offer support; encourage links between Scottish academic experts and policy makers; plan next steps in progressing policy driven research projects utilising different funding streams.

Register for this event: <http://waterfutures.eventbrite.co.uk/> or contact [lee.callaghan@ed.ac.uk](mailto:lee.callaghan@ed.ac.uk)

### **CREW and Hydro Nation**

The Scottish Government has set out its vision of Scotland as a [Hydro Nation](#) – a nation that manages its water environment to the best advantage, employing its knowledge and expertise effectively at home and internationally. It is developing a programme of work to achieve this vision – the Hydro Nation agenda. This agenda seeks to develop the value of Scotland's water resources, knowledge and technology. CREW will play a significant role within the Hydro Nation agenda, including supporting the delivery of the Hydro Nation scholars and PhDs, holding the Hydro Nation Register of Expertise to highlight water expertise in Scotland, and advertising/alerting new opportunities. ([SIGN UP HERE](#)).

<http://www.crew.ac.uk/aboutus/hydro-nation> Contact: [Wendy Kenyon](#) Tel: 01224 395295

### **Water works photography competition**

The monthly competition has seen some fantastic entries as part of the CREW hydro literacy project. The competition is open to school pupils who can enter their photographs depicting water use in Scotland. All entries can be viewed on the [JHI Facebook page](#).

[www.crew.ac.uk/projects/hydro-literacy](http://www.crew.ac.uk/projects/hydro-literacy) Contact: [Emily Hastings](#). Tel 01224 395150

### **CREW capacity building projects**

The following projects are now complete:

- [Natural Flood Management \(NFM\) Knowledge System](#) Contact: [Wendy Kenyon](#)

- [Diffuse Pollution Management](#) Contact: [Andy Vinten](#)
- [Coastal Flooding](#) Contact: [Sohan Ghimire](#)
- [Mapping of Climate Change on Water Demand-Supply Deficits](#) Contact: [Iain Brown](#)
- [Water, Health and Well-being \(Blue Health\)](#) Contact: [David Miller](#)
- [Hydro-literacy; Knowledge Exchange for Public Engagement](#) Contact: [Emily Hastings](#)
- [Evaluating Science-Policy-Practice Interfaces \(ESPPI-CREW\)](#) Contact: [Kirsty Blackstock](#)

The following projects are underway:

- [Catchment Advice Template and Exchange II \(CATCH-II\)](#) Contact: [Susan Cooksley](#)
- [River Functioning and Resilience - River Keeper's Handbook](#) Contact: [Stephen Addy](#)
- [Urban Diffuse Pollution Control](#) Contact: [Julian Dawson](#)
- [Emerging Contaminants of Concern in Waters](#) Contact: [Geoff Elliott](#)
- [Communicating uncertainty related to flood risk](#) Contact: [Dominic Duckett](#)

The following projects will be commissioned soon:

- Supporting marine spatial planning with local socio-economic data
- Natural flood management land manager research
- Water sector overview map in Scotland
- Research on source control to support the work of the SUDSWP
- Assessing the Effectiveness of SEPA's Flood Risk Advice in Planning Decisions
- Update of the Scottish Detailed River Network
- Surface water flood forecasting for urban communities

For all CREW reports see [www.crew.ac.uk/publications](http://www.crew.ac.uk/publications). Contact: [Sue Morris](#) Tel: 01224 395219

#### Other water news and events

The CREW website now has news and events pages to help people involved in water research and policy in Scotland keep abreast of current initiatives, including funding opportunities. We are keen to include news and events from all organisations working in the water arena. If you would like to see your news or event on the CREW website contact [Emily Hastings](#). Tel 01224 395150

For current news see [www.crew.ac.uk/news](http://www.crew.ac.uk/news)

For events see [www.crew.ac.uk/events](http://www.crew.ac.uk/events)

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