

GEOLOGISTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021

Edinburgh



***We are currently planning for a 'live' conference and field trips. Numbers in the venue may, however, be restricted [subject to Covid-19 rules in October]**

Friday 15th October Afternoon

15:00 - 17:00 Guided tour of the Geoscience exhibits at the National Museum of Scotland (Rachel Walcott, NMS) **FULLY BOOKED**

17:30 - 19:30 The Lyell notebooks and correspondence:
Reception at the Playfair Library (University of Edinburgh)

Saturday 16th October, The Surgeon's Hall, Edinburgh How geology shapes Scotland (Angus Miller, Scottish Geology Trust)

The value & versatility of Geoparks - connecting people and nature for a sustainable future (Laura Hamlet, NW Highland Geopark)

The Great Glen Fault Zone - Back and forth for longer than we thought (Dr Eddie Dempsey, University of Hull)

The geology and subsurface exploration history of the Midland Valley, its role and relevance for the energy transition (Prof. John Underhill, Heriot Watt University, tbc)

What triggered the Cambrian Explosion? (Rachel Wood, University of Edinburgh) – with an exhibition of prints generated from Cambrian rocks and fossils by artists from Oxford

Archaeology and isotope geochemistry: Whatever happened to Richard III? (Jane Evans, BGS)

Swimming, crawling and stomping around an ancient Scotland (Dr Tom Challands, University of Edinburgh)

Geothermal potential of the Midland Valley and mainland Scotland (Dr Darren Jones, BGS)

Beneath the waves; a golden age of discovery through mapping our submerged Geology (Dayton Dove, BGS)

Saturday evening dinner: in the Lyceum Theatre, Grindlay St, Edinburgh

Sunday 17th October Morning: There will be a selection of three parallel field trip options (10.00-12.30 approx):

The Geology of Arthur's Seat (Leader: Angus Miller, Geowalks). A walk up and around Holyrood Park to see features of the volcano, Hutton's evidence of sill intrusion and spectacular views of the city.

The Building Stones of Edinburgh (Leader: Andrew McMillan, Edinburgh Geological Society)

Fishing in the pavements of Edinburgh (Leader: Al McGowan, Edinburgh Geological Society)

