



## CREWs NEWS

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### What is CREW?

The Centre of Expertise for Waters (CREW) is a partnership between the James Hutton Institute (JHI), the Scottish Government (SG) 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.

<http://www.crew.ac.uk/home> Contact: [Bob Ferrier](#) Tel: 01224 395146

### Get involved

CREW's ability to bring together Scotland's world-recognised expertise in water science and management is one of its key strengths. We already have a group of experts from Scottish HEIs, who receive CREW funding and carry out CREW research. We are keen to expand this pool of expertise. If you would like to get involved please register with us [here](#).

<http://www.crew.ac.uk/get-involved> Contact: [Kit MacLeod](#) Tel: 01224 395157

### Current CREW projects

A range of projects on topics including Natural Flood Management; River Functioning and Resilience; Diffuse Pollution Management; Coastal Flooding; Fully Integrated Catchment Management Planning; Water, Health and Well-being are being completed in collaborations between the JHI and Scottish Universities such as Heriot Watt, Dundee, Stirling, and University of the Highlands and Islands Scottish Association for Marine Science.

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### New CREW projects

CREW carries out a range of water policy [research projects](#). A suite of new projects is being developed in close collaboration with SG and SEPA. An [on-going process](#) of policy review, workshops, face to face meetings, emails and phone conversations is leading to the specification of policy valuable and timely projects. The next batch of projects will be advertised to HEI partners imminently.

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### CREW enquiries and rapid research

CREW experts respond to enquiries and requests for rapid research from policy colleagues. Requests to date have included arranging for peer review of documents, conducting literature and web reviews, organising workshops, and conducting primary research.

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

### Scottish Government consultation on Hydro Nation

The consultation (which closes on 12 March 2012) sets out proposals for a Hydro Nation and Water Resources Bill which would place a duty on Scottish Ministers to develop the Hydro Nation programme of work. CREW is part of the Hydro Nation and gets a mention or 2 in the consultation documents. <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/02/9536> Contact: [Lucy Carmichael](#) Tel: 0131 2440258

## CREW PROJECT UPDATES

### Water works photography competition

A photography competition for Scottish Schools has been launched as part of CREW to help raise awareness and develop public understanding of water management issues. School pupils can enter the monthly competition with their best photographs depicting water use in Scotland.

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

#### **Fully integrated Catchment Management Planning: CATCH –II**

The project is supporting river basin management plan implementation and evaluating different governance arrangements for delivering Scotland's policy commitments to water management at the catchment level. It aims to support policy makers by enabling stronger and more efficient connections in catchment management planning in Scotland.

<http://www.crew.ac.uk/projects/catchment-management-planning> and [www.dundee.ac.uk/water](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/water)

Contact: [Susan Cooksley](#) Tel 01224 395141; [Professor Chris J Spray](#) Tel: 01382 388362

#### **Diffuse pollution monitoring project workshops**

A CREW workshop contributing to the catchment science evidence base for diffuse pollution mitigation in Scotland will be held on 14th March 2012 in Tannadice.

<http://www.crew.ac.uk/projects/diffuse-pollution-management>.

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#### **Linking catchments and coasts: exploring integrated management**

'Linking Catchments and Coasts' focuses upon the dynamic coastal zone - the place where catchments, estuaries and marine systems mix. The coast is subject to a range of management regimes and this project is exploring possibilities for harmonisation, mutual gains and knowledge sharing. A first round of surveys of coastal partnerships has been completed and we are soon to embark on a series of catchment-coast workshops around Scotland.

<http://www.crew.ac.uk/projects/catchment-management-planning>

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#### **Natural flood management research presented at Westminster**

Wendy Kenyon presented CREW research findings at an event at Westminster on 17<sup>th</sup> January. The research explores barriers faced by Scottish farmers in implementing natural flood management. A research summary can be found at the link below.

<http://www.crew.ac.uk/projects/natural-flood-management>

Contact: [Wendy Kenyon](#) Tel: 01224 395295

#### **Water, Health and Wellbeing (Blue Health) project workshop**

A CREW workshop to identify key themes and priorities for Blue Health is being held in Stirling on 7 February. Participants include scientists and policy colleagues from SEPA, Scottish Water, Scottish Government, NHS Scotland and Health Protection Scotland.

<http://www.crew.ac.uk/projects/water-health-well-being>

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