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## Young Professionals Session - Call for Abstracts

The SWaN conference aims to explore how engineering, agriculture, ecology and the water industry can collaborate to maximise the use of nature-based solutions. Grown out of learnings from The Abberton Scheme, a water resources infrastructure project with environment at its heart, the conference will consider the opportunities and challenges that may arise from changes in environmental and agricultural legislation and look at how we can fairly account for all of the costs, including the impacts on natural capital and society.

We are looking for young professionals within the industry or in research, who wish to present their work to a broad audience including the water industry, engineers, ecologists, academia, and government.

We are particularly interested in hearing from those who work in the following areas:

- Nature based solutions
- Green engineering solutions to water industry challenges
- Natural capital – accounting, investment, and policy
- Holistic capital accounting – natural and social costs/benefits
- Sustainable farming and water management
- Aquatic ecology in managed environments

Successful applicants will be offered a lightning talk (10 mins) or poster presentation

Session to be led by Dr Corinne Whitby & Dr Tom Cameron from the School of Life Sciences at the University of Essex. Please register your interest by sending a title and abstract (150 words or less), along with contact details and affiliations to [swannbs@essex.ac.uk](mailto:swannbs@essex.ac.uk)

Deadline for abstract submission is Monday 8 August 2021



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If you have any further queries about the event, you can email [SWaN.conference@nwl.co.uk](mailto:SWaN.conference@nwl.co.uk) and one of the team will get back in touch with you.