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## Registration Opens for New Cross-Disciplinary Environmental Webinar Series

**To coincide with Green GB Week, the Society for the Environment has launched a new series of free webinars centred around the topic of 'Waste Reduction – Six Months on From a Plastic Themed World Environment Day'.**

The Society champions World Environment Day (5<sup>th</sup> June) – a UN Environment initiative to highlight key global environmental issues and the great work taking place around the world to resolve such problems. This year's theme was 'Beat Plastic Pollution', which is a topic that has hit the media headlines in recent months.

World Environment Day is an excellent communications tool and driver for action. However, the Society strongly believes that the showcasing of the selected annual themes must have longevity to continue the awareness created. As a result, the first of five new cross-disciplinary webinar series by the Society will focus on waste reduction, with plastic used as a focus for a number of the confirmed Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) speakers. The final webinar in the series will go live exactly six months from World Environment Day – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

The 'Waste Reduction' webinar series will consist of three expert led webinars, with two CEnv speakers per webinar. Each speaker will provide insight into waste issues and solutions from their different sectors and disciplines. You'll hear perspectives from the water sector, recycling and waste management and construction, as well as from the high-rise business facilities at Canary Wharf, London.

CEO of the Society for the Environment, Dr Emma Wilcox, is keen to encourage learning opportunities, stating; "The cross-disciplinary nature of these webinars is ideal for our diverse CEnv and REnvTech registrant base. We want to share good practice and knowledgeable insight from certified environmental professionals for the benefit of other environmental professionals and beyond.

"With a global registrant base, webinars provide the platform to allow such knowledge transfer to take place across the world – without the need for transport and the associated costs. Plus, the interactive Q&A element gives all delegates the opportunity to quiz the experts on specific areas of interest."

Brief details of each webinar are as follows:

Part 1 – 08.11.2018 @ 12:00 GMT

**Mandhy Senewiratne CEnv**, Director @ Fyrefly Global Sustainability:

*"Plastic - Why Should We Care?"*

**Jonathan Atkinson CEnv**, Groundwater and Contaminated Land @ Environment Agency:

*"Construction, Demolition and Excavation Wastes - Is Industry on the Right Track?"*

Part 2 – 21.11.2018 @ 12:00 GMT

**Caroline Salthouse CEnv**, Principal Consultant @ CSalthouse Environmental Consultancy, Training & Events:

*"Plastics in the Aquatic and Marine Environment - Consequences and Solutions."*

**Martin Ballard CEnv**, Group Environment Manager @ Willmott Dixon:

*"#PledgeLessPlastic - Why? Achievements? What Next?"*

Part 3 - 05/12/2018 @ 12:00 GMT

**Dr Adam Read CEnv**, Director of External Affairs @ Suez Recycling & Recovery UK Ltd:

*"The future of plastics wastes, a new consumerism and the opportunity for effective producer responsibility."*

**Martin Gettings CEnv**, Head of Sustainability @ Canary Wharf Group plc:

*"Canary Wharf: Making Sustainability Real - Breaking the Plastic Habit"*

**Free registration and further information about each of the above talks and the speakers involved are available via the Society's website: [www.socenv.org.uk/Webinar\\_Series2](http://www.socenv.org.uk/Webinar_Series2).**

Topics for future webinar series by the Society for the Environment include:

- Series 3 - Innovations - The Good, the Bad and the... Game Changing?
- Series 4 - A Sustainable Built Environment
- Series 5 - Climate Change - a 2019 Perspective
- Series 6 - A Business Case for the Environment - Natural Capital in YOUR Business

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**About the Society for the Environment**

The Society for the Environment, is comprised of 25 Licenced Bodies, with over 500,000 members between them. It received a Royal Charter in 2004, which empowers it to regulate the Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) and Registered Environmental Technician (REnvTech) registration in the UK. There are now over 7,300 environmental professionals currently registered who share a common vision of delivering sustainability through environmental professionalism. Further information can be found at [www.socenv.org.uk](http://www.socenv.org.uk).

#### **About Dr Emma Wilcox, CEO of the Society for the Environment**

Emma has been CEO of the Society since July 2015 and since joining the organisation has led the development of a new five-year strategy increasing registrations and profile for Chartered Environmentalists and Registered Environmental Technicians.

Her career has spanned a number of disciplines including scientific research, knowledge and technology transfer, skills and education, programme and business management and stakeholder and relationship management. Emma's strong academic background is supported by an in-depth knowledge of both public and private sector landscapes.

#### **The 25 Constituent Bodies of the Society for the Environment are:**

Arboricultural Association (AA)  
Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE)  
Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT)  
Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM)  
Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)  
Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM)  
Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM)  
Energy Institute (EI)  
Institute of Agricultural Management (IAgrM)  
Institute of Chartered Foresters (ICF)  
Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA)  
Institute of Fisheries Management (IFM)  
Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining (IOM3)  
Institute of Water (IWater)  
Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE)  
Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE)  
Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE)  
Institution of Engineering Designers (IED)  
Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES)  
Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE)  
Nuclear Institute (NI)  
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)  
Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)  
Society of Environmental Engineers (SEE)  
Society of Operations Engineers (SOE)