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The Society for the Environment Select World Environment Day for Annual Awards Event

The custodians of the Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) and Registered Environmental Technician (REnvTech) registers, the Society for the Environment, have selected World Environment Day as the day to celebrate the work of environmental professionals with its annual awards presentation.

The 2018 Environmental Professional of the Year Award will be presented on Tuesday 5th June 2018 – World Environment Day. This is not a stroke of luck, but instead, the Society is continuing with its aim to champion and promote the UN initiative and what it stands for.

UN Environment describe World Environment Day as “the UN's most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment. Since it began in 1974, it has grown to become a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated in over 100 countries.” The global theme for World Environment Day [changes each year](#) to highlight a range of environmental matters. The 2018 theme is “Plastic Pollution”.

Vice Chair of the Society for the Environment and event chair, Dougal Driver CEnv, said; “the Society is proud to champion World Environment Day and it seems fitting to present the Society’s prestigious awards on the day. The UN aim to promote awareness of environmental protection through World Environment Day, so we want to use the day as a platform to celebrate the work of environmental professionals and their contribution to environmental good practice and dedication”.

The ‘Society for the Environment Awards and Lectures on World Environment Day’ is now open for registrations and is free for CEnvs and REnvTechs. The prestigious evening event is being hosted by venue sponsor, Arup, at their London base.

This is the second year the Society has showcased World Environment Day with an expert led event. However, new to the 2018 event is the inclusion of the Society’s annual presentation of the Environmental Professional of the Year Award – recognising the outstanding work of CEnvs and REnvTechs – as well as the award of three new Honorary Fellows of the Society for the Environment (HonFSE). These awards will contribute to an evening of celebrating and showcasing the achievements of those striving to protect and enhance the environment on a daily basis.

Alongside the awards will be a series of HonFSE Lectures, providing expert insight into environmental issues and case studies. A fantastic learning opportunity for delegates, alongside the chance to network with leading experts during refreshment breaks. Confirmed speakers include former CEO of Natural Resources Wales, Emyr Roberts, and former Environment Agency CEO and current Professor of Environmental Assessment at Cranfield University, Professor Paul Leinster CBE CEnv.

Event registration is now available via the Society for the Environment website:

socenv.org.uk/event/WED2018

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About the Society for the Environment

The Society for the Environment, is comprised of 24 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 7,000 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.

About Dougal Driver CEnv, Vice Chair of the Society for the Environment

Dougal Driver has extensive experience in the public, private and NGO sectors. After a successful career managing the Defence Estate Environment, he became a Defra Director and Ministerial advisor on environmental matters. He played a vital role in the first green infrastructure and natural capital polices and is an advisor to the Natural Capital Coalition. He set up both the New Forest and South Downs National Parks and is an expert in lowering the impact of powerboat racing in the marine environment.

Dougal is now a sought after Chairman, Director and advisor and is a board member for several environmentally focused organisations including Grown in Britain which has an aim to substitute unsustainable materials with home grown timber.

Dougal is passionate about the work of the Society and is our cabinet lead for World Environment Day.

The 24 Licensed 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)
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