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Environment and Sustainability Institute

Bringing together state-of-the-art resources, academics, researchers and businesses

The University of Exeter's Environment and Sustainability Institute (ESI) is building upon the University's established research strengths to lead cutting-edge and interdisciplinary research into the consequences of environmental change and the mitigation and management of its effects. Alongside this, we are actively supporting the creation of a dynamic ecosystem services industry in Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly and beyond.

Our research spans three interrelated themes; Clean Technologies, Natural Environment and Social Science and Sustainability. Alongside a team of specialist Knowledge Exchange Managers, leading academics, researchers and business partners are already working together in interdisciplinary 'knowledge clusters' to explore creative solutions to complex issues of environmental change.

We are very pleased to announce that we have recently appointed a number of leading academics. They include Professor Robbie McDonald as Chair in Natural Environment, Professor Katrina Brown as Chair in

Social Science and Professor Stuart Townley as Chair in Applied Mathematics.

The ESI offers a number of networking and engagement opportunities for businesses and third-sector organisations including:

- Research and collaboration opportunities,
- Knowledge Transfer Partnerships,
- consultancy,
- specialist business mentoring through CoVentures,
- student projects and placements,
- graduate recruitment opportunities,
- business briefings,
- workshops, and
- seminars and network events.

We are keen to hear at any time from individuals with their own funding, or who have opportunities to apply for such funding and who would like to join the ESI to conduct projects across our themes. Please visit our website for further details.

www.exeter.ac.uk/esi

Introducing Professor Kevin J Gaston

The Environment and Sustainability Institute is headed by inaugural Director, Professor Kevin J Gaston. Professor Gaston took up his post in May 2011 having joined the ESI from the University of Sheffield where he had been Professor of Biodiversity and Conservation since 2000, founding and leading the Biodiversity and Macroecology Group (BIOME).

Professor Gaston graduated in Zoology from the University of Sheffield before obtaining a doctorate from the University of York. He then spent five years as a Research Fellow at the Natural History Museum in London, before becoming a Royal Society University Research Fellow at Imperial College. He holds an Honorary Professorship at South Africa's University of Stellenbosch and is an ISI Highly Cited Researcher.

Professor Gaston is currently recruiting academics from a wide range of disciplines to positions aligned to the ESI research themes. On taking up their posts and along with Professors Townley, McDonald and Brown, the faculty will work in partnership with researchers, the Knowledge Exchange Managers and our stakeholders to meet the vision of the ESI, 'to enhance lives through improving people's relationships with the environment'.

Contact us

We are always pleased to hear from people who wish to find out more about the work of the Environment and Sustainability Institute and how you may benefit from working in partnership with us – either as a business or individual. You may contact us in the following ways:

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