

LEEP@10: A Decade of Impact, A Future of Change

A celebration, showcase and thought leadership event

Day 1: 10th September 2026

LEEP, XFi Building, University of Exeter Business School

The Land Use for Net Zero, Nature and People (LUNZ) Hub

Co-sponsors:

The Dragon Capital Chair in Biodiversity Economics



Programme

09:30-10:00 Arrival/refreshments/pastries (XFi Atrium)

- “10 years of LEEP” and other videos showing in the Atrium
- Stands, demonstrations and posters in the Atrium

10:00-10.50 Innovation and emerging talent: The ideas and people shaping the future (Henderson Theatre)

10.00	Ian Bateman: Welcome, Introduction and Overview
10.05	Alex Gerbasi (Deputy Vice Chancellor): LEEP and Sustainability at Exeter
10.10	Alex Inman: Menti wordcloud set-up ▫ “what is the most pressing challenge facing UK environmental policy” ▫ “what is the most pressing challenge facing UK agri-environmental policy”
10.15	Keynote speaker: Emma Campbell, Director of Analysis and Chief Economist, Defra
10.30	▫ Q&A
10.40	Ian Bateman: LEEP - Ten Years Gone
10.48	Alex Inman: Menti wordcloud feedback

10:50-12:30 Innovation and emerging talent: The ideas and people shaping the future (Henderson Theatre) (MC: Ian Bateman)

10.50	Brett Day: Valuation, tools and nature markets
11.00	▫ Q&A
11.06	Amy Binner: Biodiversity and development
11.16	▫ Neha Deopa: Disease at the Root, Deforestation at the Edge: Cassava Epidemics and Forest Loss in Uganda
11.20	▫ Ben Balmford: Biodiversity additionality mapping in Latin America
11.24	▫ Daniele Rinaldo: The Economic Cost of War: Gaza
11.28	▫ Q&A
11.35	Danny Williamson: Environmental Data Science & Systems Modelling
11.45	▫ Cassie Bird: Bringing water quality into land use policy
11.49	▫ Q&A

11.55	Ben Groom: HM Treasury Discount Rate Review
12.15	▫ Q&A

12:30-13:30 Lunch (XFi Atrium)

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13:30-17:00 The future of interdisciplinary research for the environmental-economic system: Research, Policy and Business perspectives (Henderson Theatre) (MC: Ian Bateman)

Launch of the ExPLORE Decision Support Suite

13.30	Overview of the afternoon: Ian Bateman
13.35	Brett Day, Danny Williamson, Amy Binner: Launch of the ExPLORE Decision Support Suite and demo
14.00	▫ Q&A
14.15	End of session

LEEP & LUNZ Hub Panel 1: Land Use Policy in the UK

14.15	Land Use Policy in the UK Panel: Introduction - Chris Lee
14.25	▫ Tom Lafford - Head of Land Use Team & Land Use Framework (LUF) , Defra
14.35	▫ Charlotte Kiely/Tracie Evans - Head of Natural Science for the Environmental Land Management (ELMs) Evidence and Analysis team, Defra
14.45	▫ Panel Q&A - Chaired by Chris Lee
15.00	End of session

15:00-15:30 Refreshment Break (XFi Atrium)

LEEP & LUNZ Hub Panel 2: Research and Impact across Business and the Environment

15.30	Research and Impact across Business Panel: Introduction - Matthew Agarwala
15.40	▫ Dominic Scriven (CEO, Dragon Capital) TBC
15.50	▫ Amy Coulthard (Wessex Water)
16.00	▫ Emily McKenzie (TNFD)
16.10	▫ Panel Q&A - Chaired by Matthew Agarwala; including Ben Groom
16.25	End of session

Closing

16.25	LEEP and the Next Ten Years - Vision and Future Opportunities? - Ian Bateman
16.40	End

17:00-19:00 Dragon Capital Garden Party Reception/BBQ (XFi Atrium & Garden/Magnolia Walk)

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