

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

A celebration, showcase and thought leadership event

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

The UKRI/BBSRC NetZeroPlus (NZ+) project



Programme

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

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

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

Ian Bateman: Welcome, Introduction and Overview
Alex Gerbasi (Deputy Vice Chancellor): LEEP and Sustainability at Exeter
Alex Inman: Wordcloud set-up
Keynote speaker: Emma Campbell, Director of Analysis and Chief Economist, Defra
▫ Q&A
Alex Inman: Wordcloud feedback

10:45-12:30 Innovation and emerging talent: The ideas and people shaping the future (Henderson Theatre) (MC: Ian Bateman)

Brett Day: Valuation, tools and nature markets
▫ Sabrina Eisenbarth: Carbon and biodiversity leakage
▫ Q&A

Amy Binner: Biodiversity and development
▫ Neha Deopa: Disease at the Root, Deforestation at the Edge: Cassava Epidemics and Forest Loss in Uganda
▫ Ben Balmford: Biodiversity additionality mapping in Latin America
▫ Daniele Rinaldo: The Economic Cost of War: Gaza
▫ Q&A

Danny Williamson: Environmental Data Science & Systems Modelling
▫ Cassie Bird: Bringing water quality into land use policy
▫ Q&A

Ben Groom: HM Treasury Discount Rate Review
▫ 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

Overview of the afternoon: Ian Bateman
Brett Day, Danny Williamson, Amy Binner: Launch of the ExPLORE Decision Support Suite & demo
▫ Q&A

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

Land Use Policy in the UK Panel: Introduction - Chris Lee
▫ Tom Lafford - Head of Land Use Team & Land Use Framework (LUF) , Defra
▫ Tracie Evans – Head of Natural Science for the Environmental Land Management (ELMs) Evidence and Analysis team, Defra – Joining the session remotely.
▫ Panel Q&A – Chaired by Chris Lee

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

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

Research and Impact across Business Panel: Introduction – Matthew Agarwala
▫ Amy Coulthard (Wessex Water)
▫ Emily McKenzie (TNFD)
▫ Panel Q&A – Chaired by Matthew Agarwala; including Ben Groom

Closing

LEEP and the Next Ten Years: Vision and Future Opportunities – Ian Bateman
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16:30-19:00 Dragon Capital Garden Party Reception (*XFi Atrium & Garden/Magnolia Walk*)

- **Group photo** (approx. 16.30 Garden or Atrium)
- **BBQ** (from 17:00)
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