

Rising Issues

We'd like to invite you to 4 free workshops where we'll use creative methods (collage, storytelling..etc) to learn how you and your community feel about differences in your environment due to climate change, and come up with practical actions we can take together.

This project will bring researchers and Swansea residents together in creative workshops to help us all have a better understanding of environmental change and consider what actions we want to see happen in the area, and who needs to actions them.

We will work together with communities, researchers, designers, storytellers, and facilitators to explore what changing climates and environments might mean for those who are directly affected by those changes. We want to learn from you what you think the future for your locality will look like with coming sea level changes. We think that it's important for the public to be connected to science and researchers. Providing you with a chance to think about what's happening, ask questions, consider what you want for the future and to be able to talk to decision makers about this too

What we learn in the discussions in these workshops will help us talk about sea level rise more widely. This research project will bring together communities, researchers, and designers to consider how we talk about the science of climate change but also to understand what is important to communities, and what they might wish to protect or preserve into the future. The workshops will provide local residents with guidance on how to engage and communicate with decision-makers in the area about sea level change and support residents to take action.

These workshops are free to attend, and participant contributions will be recognised via a small gift

Join us for 4 free workshops to explore what sea level rise means for communities.

We will do this over four evening workshops

1) **21st April 6:15-8:45, Oriel Science**
Predicting Climate Change

Join us to meet the team and hear some of the science behind climate change prediction and how we visualise and communicate these changes

2) **22st April 6:15-8:45, Oriel Science**
Zine Workshop

Using collage, we invite you to create a zine, a short homemade magazine. This will be based on your own thoughts and experiences with environmental change in your local area.

3) **27th April 6:15-8:45, Oriel Science**
Speculative Fabulation Workshop

Next, we will build stories which imagine new futures. We'll use the zines and research to inspire our imaginations. Together we will use storytelling to think about solutions to new problems created by our changing landscapes and envision hopeful futures.

4) **28th April 6:15-8:45, Oriel Science**
Influencing - taking the next step

Lastly, we'll take our future hopeful stories as a starting point to think about what actions can be taken now to help live well with sea level rise in the future. We'll consider who needs to take action and how we might motivate and inspire them using the stories we have created and what we now know about sea level in the local area.