

Workshop to support the development of Voluntary Access Agreements in relation to Welsh inland waters.

Date: Saturday 26th February

Time: 10-30am - 3pm

**Location: North Wales - Owain Glyndwr Hotel, The Square, Corwen LL21 0DL
South Wales – tbc (Nr. Brecon)**

What are the Workshops about?

The Workshops aim to show how a consistent and systematic approach to Access Agreements (seen as desirable based on previous research work and pilot projects) can be balanced and combined with a flexible approach which allows for local circumstances.

Also to demonstrate to participants that there are a range of options for negotiating Voluntary Access Agreements and thereby promote the awareness, understanding and take-up of Access Agreements on some key stretches of inland water within Wales.

The workshops will not be discussing the merits, or not, of the voluntary access agreement approach.

What is the background?

The Welsh Assembly Government has been keen to secure more opportunities for the public and visitors to enjoy Wales' extensive water resources on a responsible, safe and sustainable basis. The preferred approach has been to create new opportunities through encouraging local access agreements.

A sub-group of the Welsh Assembly Government Round Table on Access to Water on access agreements has identified fourteen stretches of river and other bodies of inland water where an access agreement.

Who should attend these Workshops?

An improved knowledge and understanding of Voluntary Access Agreements and an understanding of how these can be negotiated to suit local circumstances will benefit:

- Angling tenants & licensees throughout Wales – particularly those wishing to use inland waters where access is contentious or threatened;
- Canoeists and those with other boating interests throughout Wales - particularly those wishing to use inland waters where access is contentious or threatened;
- Organisations charged with improving and extending access to Welsh inland waters – particularly those which support the provision of voluntary agreements;
- Land and riparian rights owners;
- Waterside environmental and recreation interests.

Refreshments provided. (If you have any special dietary needs please let us know when booking your place/s)