



18 October 2021

## Science and Stormont 2021

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

14:00: Welcome by **Dr Helen Pain**, Chief Executive, Royal Society of Chemistry.

14:10: Panel Presentations, chaired by **Dr Marie Cowan**, Science Director, British Geological Survey, and Director, Geological Survey Northern Ireland.

Speakers:

1. **Arron Wright**, Director Green Growth, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland Executive.
2. **Debbie Caldwell**, Climate Change Commissioner, Belfast City Council.
3. **Lt Cdr Paul Hart**, Expedition Leader - Antarctic Quest 21.
4. **Professor Richard P. Allan**, Professor of Climate Science, University of Reading.
5. **Professor Anna Davies**, Chair of Geography, Environment and Society, Trinity College Dublin.

15:05: Questions to the Panel.

15:30: MLA Panel Session:

- **Dr Steve Aiken OBE MLA**, Ulster Unionist Party Member for South Antrim; Chair, Committee for Finance of the Northern Ireland Assembly; and Chair of the All-Party Group on STEM.
- **John Blair MLA**, Alliance Party Member for South Antrim. Environmental Spokesperson for the Alliance Party, Member of the Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and Vice Chair of the APG on Climate Action.

15:40: Questions to the Panel.

15:55 Closing Remarks, **Dr Helen Pain**, Chief Executive, Royal Society of Chemistry.

16:00 Event ends.