

Science and Stormont

Monday 7 October 2024
The Green Economy

The Royal Society of Chemistry's 13th annual Science and Stormont event will be held in the Parliament Buildings, Stormont on Monday 7 October 2024. This year's theme will be the green economy.

Designed to foster close relations with policymakers and key stakeholders, Science and Stormont is organised on behalf of, and in cooperation with, the Northern Ireland science and engineering community. This year's event is kindly sponsored by **Dr Steve Aiken OBE MLA**, deputy speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly and chair of the All-Party Group on STEM.

Programme

**The Long Gallery and Members' Dining Room,
Parliament Buildings, Stormont**

*Registration/exhibition and lunchtime refreshments
– Members' Dining Room*

Speeches and panel Q&As – The Long Gallery

12:45pm: Registration/Exhibition and lunchtime refreshments

2.00pm Welcome:

Dr Steve Aiken OBE MLA, Chair, All-Party Group on STEM

2.05pm Introduction and welcome:

Professor Annette Doherty OBE,
President of the Royal Society of Chemistry

2.15pm: Keynote address

Professor Helen McCarthy,

Chief Scientific and Technology Advisor for Northern Ireland

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2.40pm Panel 1:

Chair, Dr Marie Cowan,

Director Geological Survey Northern Ireland

Title pending

Professor Philip Griffiths, Chair of Building Physics,
Ulster University

*The green economy – beyond growth, carbon and
capitalism*

Professor John Barry, Professor of Green Economy,
Centre of Sustainability, Equality and Climate Action,
Queen's University Belfast

3.15pm Panel Q&A

3.25pm Royal Society of Biology Outreach Awards

Professor Diane Lees-Murdock, Royal Society of
Biology NI Branch

3.35pm Tea break

4.05pm Panel 2: **Chair, Dr Marie Cowan**

Director Geological Survey Northern Ireland,

Accelerating decarbonisation

Steven Agnew Chief Executive, RenewableNI

*Environmental challenges and re-thinking low-carbon
bioenergy solutions*

Dr Beatrice Smyth Senior Lecturer, School of
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Queen's
University Belfast

*Don't forget those who pay. Meeting the challenge
and capturing the opportunities*

Stephen Kelly, Chief Executive, Manufacturing NI

4.50pm Panel Q&A

5.00pm MLA panel: **Chair, Dr Marie Cowan**

Director Geological Survey Northern Ireland,

Dr Steve Aiken OBE MLA, Deputy Speaker of the
Northern Ireland Assembly and Chair All-Party Group
on STEM

Ulster Unionist Party Member for South Antrim

Peter McReynolds MLA, Alliance Party Spokesperson
for Infrastructure: Roads; Transport. Member for
Belfast East

5.30pm Closing remarks: **Dr Helen Pain MBE,** Chief
Executive, Royal Society of Chemistry

5.45pm–7.30pm: Drinks reception/exhibition/fork
buffet, Members' Dining Room/The Long Gallery



Exhibitor list

Scientific societies and professional bodies
represented at the exhibition

Royal Astronomical Society

Institute of Physics

Royal Society of Biology

The Physiological Society

Royal Society of Chemistry

Microbiology Society

Institute of Food and Science Technology

Sentinus

Geological Survey Northern Ireland

Queens University Belfast

UKRI

British Neuroscience Association

CCEA

Ulster University

The Geological Society

Renewable NI

RSC Analytical Community NI Branch

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Institution of Mechanical Engineers

