

# Torbay EcoFest

## 2 December 12-4.30pm

### St Matthias Babbacombe Rd TQ1 1HW

## Seminar Programme

- **1-2pm Our Local Environment**
  - Welcome and introduction: **David Hodson**
  - **Marije Zwager** Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust
  - **Prof John Wibberley** –Agriculturalist
  - **Mim Daughtery** Ocean Conservation Trust
- **2.30-3pm The global perspective: Keynote Speaker**
  - **Ruth Valerio** Tearfund
- **3.30-4:30pm What is being done and what can we do?**
  - **Jacqui Warren** Torbay Climate Emergency
  - **Sophie Phillips** Diocese of Exeter
  - Concluding panel of speakers: **“Just one thing”**

### Our Speakers

**Marije Zwager** An enthusiastic advocate of Berry Head's unique limestone-loving flora and fauna, in her role as Engagement Ranger Marije seeks to strengthen the bonds between people and the natural world of Torbay through education and practical volunteering opportunities

**Prof John Wibberley** is chair of the Tropical Agriculture Association International. He is an agricultural consultant, trustee of the Exmoor Society, was formerly chair of the Farming Community Network

**Mim Daughtery** is a seagrass aquaculture technician working in the Brixham seagrass facility. As a part of the Blue Meadows team Mim works to restore this endangered habitat, harvesting millions of seagrass seeds by hand, planting and tending to them in the specialist aquaculture facility and eventually distributing them in St Mary's Bay.

**Dr Ruth Valerio** is an environmentalist, theologian, social activist and author. She is Global Advocacy and Influencing Director for Tearfund, which works with churches across the world to alleviate poverty including by environmental change. She was a director at A Rocha UK. She writes and speaks extensively on global environmental issues and poverty issues.

**Jacqui Warren** is a sustainability practitioner with over 20 years experience in supporting communities, businesses, local and regional governments to take practical actions to protect the natural environment and help tackle climate change. She is currently Torbay Council's Climate Emergency Officer.

**Sophie Phillips** is the Net Zero Carbon Officer for the Diocese of Exeter. She has been working in sustainable energy for 20 years. Now she's working to reduce the emissions from the Church of England in Devon by 90% by 2030. She's excited for all the opportunities for positive impacts and new community partnerships to which this work can lead

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