



Centre for Alternative Technology
Canolfan y Dechnoleg Amgen

CAT CONFERENCE 2025

Friday 15 August

15:00 – 17:30	Arrivals Reception, WISE	Explore the Visitor Centre or relax in the gardens and woodlands
18:00 – 19:00	Evening Meal	
19:00 – 19:15	A welcome note with our <i>Co-CEO, Eileen Kinsman</i> Sheppard Theatre, WISE	
19:15 – 19:40	Live music Sheppard Theatre, WISE	
20:00 – 20:30	Meet your home groups Find a quiet space in WISE	
20:30 to late	Bar opens • Donnelly's Bar, WISE	Film screening • Brook Trust Room



Saturday 16 August

08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast (please arrive by 8:45 am at latest)	08:00 – 8:30	Morning Yoga/ Qigong
09:30 – 10:15	CAT: where we are now and what’s next Hear updates on CAT’s latest work, our exciting upcoming strategy, and progress on the ambitious redevelopment of our eco-centre. <i>Eileen Kinsman, Co-CEO & Ben Summers, Chair of Trustees</i>		
10:15 – 11:00	Home groups Find a quiet space in WISE		
11:00 – 11:30	Break – tea and coffee • Sheppard Foyer & Cafe		
11:30 – 13:00	Researchers and Pioneers for Industry change Audience Q&A with a panel of guests from our CAT graduate community including: <i>Jelena Krivosic</i> - PhD student in climate communication <i>Ruth Chapman</i> –Executive Managing Director at Dulas <i>Georgemma Hunt</i> –Artist & Researcher <i>Joe Sanchez</i> - PhD researcher in geography and urban analytics <i>Jemma Ho</i> - Architectural Assistant at Architype	Biodiversity in Coed Gwern Join an immersive tour of CAT’s sustainably managed woodlands Coed Gwern. <i>Rob Goodsell, Woodland and Natural Resources Officer</i> Maximum 15 attendees (sign up in the Sheppard Foyer)	
13:00 – 14:30	Buffet Lunch	Herbal tea-tasting from CAT’s tea garden	
14:30 – 16:00	Show & Tell with our CAT community inspiring stories and work from our members, volunteers and students, taking place in 15-minute slots. We will email all attendees to invite contributions to these sessions.		
16:00 – 16:30	Break – tea & coffee • Sheppard Foyer & Cafe		
16:30 – 17:30	Love, Anger & Betrayal - <i>Sir Jonathon Porritt CBE</i> Join this keynote talk by the celebrated <i>author and environmentalist Jonathon Porritt</i> , who will share stories and reflections from his new book, an urgent call for intergenerational justice, that has been co-authored with 26 young activists.		
17:30 – 18:30	Breakout Sessions		
	Dulas: Sowing the Seeds of Innovation at CAT Be inspired by the story of Dulas, from its early beginnings at CAT to its life-saving solar powered vaccine fridges across the world. <i>Ruth Chapman & Catherine McLennan, Dulas</i>	Ocean Stories: empowering narratives to catalyse action As we approach half-way through the UN Ocean decade, explore the role of stories in bringing our marine world into view. <i>Dr Cathy Cole, CAT Senior Lecturer</i>	Embracing Complexity: Thinking Big Acting Small Explore how local actions build resilience amid global and national challenges, and dive into the ways complexity science can guide us. <i>Jean Boulton, Author & Visiting Lecturer</i>
18:30 – 19:30	Evening Meal		

20:00 to late

Cèilidh Dance with The Backroom Band • Donnelly's Bar, WISE

Sunday 17 August

08:00 – 9:00	Breakfast and checkout (Please vacate rooms by 9.30am)		
09:00 – 10:00	Breakout Sessions		
	‘Have your Say’ Focus group: feedback with your experiences and views as a valued member, about CAT and what we do. <i>Ian Davies, CAT Fundraising Manager</i>	Wind Power and Renewables Learn how CAT inspires young people and visiting schools. Take part in a demo workshop on renewables. <i>Sarah Tack, CAT Learning and Education Manager & Becky Smith, Engagement Officer</i>	Biodiversity in the Gardens Explore the rich biodiversity of CAT's winding trails and gardens, and contribute to some wildflower surveying. <i>Biodiversity Ranger Veronica Henry and CAT residential volunteers</i>
10:00 – 11:00	ZCB Innovation Lab: creating the conditions for innovation Join our Zero Carbon Britain Innovation Lab team for a participatory session exploring how we go about getting people to think differently... <i>Rachel Tuckett, ZCB Innovation Lab Manager & Dr Ruth Stevenson, ZCB Innovation Lab Research Manager</i>	Exploring values and relationships with nature Reflect on your own relationship with nature, and how values link closely to behaviour change, through a mix of presentation and discussion. <i>Dr Sam Saville, CAT Senior Lecturer</i>	Ynni Cymru - Energy Wales Join Tim Brewer on a tour of CAT's new 50kW solar-powered EV container unit, and learn how it supports Ynni Cymru's mission to empower Welsh communities through locally owned renewable energy. <i>Tim Brewer, Bro Dyfi Community Renewables</i> Meet outside WISE entrance
11:00 – 12:00	Home Groups over tea & coffee <i>Find a quiet space in WISE</i>		
12:00 – 13:00	Members Q&A Bring your questions and thoughts on all things CAT, in this closing session for all attendees. <i>Co-CEO Eileen Kinsman</i>		
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch (packed lunches available for those who pre-requested)		
14:00 onwards	Travel Home	Optional 'Wind Turbine Walk' with <i>Tim Brewer</i> for late leavers Approx 3.5 hours - max 20 (sign up in Sheppard Foyer)	

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