

Highways Winter Forum:

Severe weather and flood resilience in a changing climate



Thursday 9 October

Life Centre Events

Bradford, BD3 0EQ

Programme

09:30 Registration and exhibition viewing

10:00-11:20



Welcome from the Chair

Cllr Lynne Short

Dundee City Council



Opening Address

Richard Gelder, *Highways Services Manager*

Bradford City Council



Winter Maintenance & Climate Adaptation: What the Data Says

Debbie Johns, *Head of Performance Networks* and Bonni Jee, *Principal Advisor*

Association for Public Service Excellence



Extreme Weather & Highways Emergency Management, Preparing for our worst day

John Lamb, *Chair, UK Adaptation, Biodiversity and Climate Board*

UKLRG



Integrated Emergency Management - Rethinking Flood and Highway Resilience Together

Kath Self, *Advisor*

Environment Agency

The state we're in

11:20-11:45
Coffee break

11:45-12:15



Updates to the accreditation process for IHE/NWSRG Competence Training for operatives, Supervisors and Decision makers

Richard Hayes, *APSE Associate, Former President of IHE*

NWSRG

Winter of Content



JCB - Your Highways Partner

Alan Wallace, *National Highways Manager*

JCB



Turning Friction into Foresight: Smarter Winter Maintenance Decisions

Steve Isaacs, *Engineer & Asset Management Specialist*

NIRA Dynamics

12:30-

13:15 Lunch



Gloucestershire's Highways response to Floods in 2024/25 APSE Service Awards 2025 Shortlisted Entry - Technical Services

Kev Downer, *Highways Asset & Business Manager*

Gloucestershire County Council

13:15-15:00



Dependencies & Opportunities between Highways Authorities & Water Companies

Robert Green, *Climate Adaptation Strategy Manager* / Jason Alred, *Strategic Flood Resilience*

Yorkshire Water



Connecting infrastructure systems and practitioners for climate resilience: Insights from the YHCC Climate Adaptation Programme for Local Authorities

Dr Muriel Bonjean Stanton, *Climate Adaptation Lead / Research Fellow*

Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission / University of Leeds

Focus on flood and climate resilience

14:00-

14:15

Coffee break



Making life better by water

Catherine Clayton, *Area Operations Manager*

Canal & Rivers Trust

15:30 Close

About

Whether it's record high summer temperatures, winter frost or extreme rainfall, local authorities are having to deal with the increasingly varied demands of climate change.

Response services are essential for residents and businesses, but changeable and unpredictable weather conditions, plus as the seasonal nature of our winter climate changes, it is important to keep pace with new innovations and technical developments becoming a proactive service while reacting to inclement weather.

Highways and environment teams are banding together to keep the public safe and moving through rain, snow or shine. Increasingly wet and less snowy winters mean winter teams must adapt to our changing winter climate which we will explore.

All these issues and more will be discussed and debated with ample opportunity for delegates to network and learn and share ideas and information from each other.

Alongside a trade exhibition, this event is a timely and affordable learning seminar for all involved in the winter maintenance, extreme weather response services and interested in the practical aspects of climate change.

Who Should Attend?

- Highways directors, heads of service and managers
- Climate change adaptation officers and climate/flood resilience teams
- Winter maintenance specialists
- Elected members with highways, environment or neighbourhood service responsibility
- Press officers and communications team
- Suppliers who want to learn about the latest developments from a commercial perspective

Join us to understand how you can keep your communities safe and moving in the face of future climate change and extreme weather!

Booking

Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

What's included?

The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation, lunches and light refreshments.

APSE member delegate fee:	FREE!
Non member delegates fee:	£179 + VAT
Commercial delegates:	£265 + VAT

Click [here](#) to reserve your place on this event

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Venue

The Life Centre Events
Wapping Road, Bradford
BD3 0EQ

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Public Transport

10 minute walk from Bradford-Forster Square
20 minute walk from Bradford-Interchange

By Car

Free parking on site
15 minutes drive from M606 motorway off the M62

