

## Annual Restoration Conference 2025

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April, National Waterways Museum, Ellesmere Port

09:30	<b>Coffee and Registration</b>
10:00	<b>Welcome</b> Compère Paul Rogers
10:05	<b>Introduction</b> Sean McGinley, Director of Yorkshire & North East at Canal & River Trust
10:20	<b>Session 1:</b> Grand Union Canal Water Transfer Project Led by Peter Walker, Head of Strategic Infrastructure Projects at Canal & River Trust; Sarah Jayne O’Kane, Stakeholder Engagement Lead at Severn Trent Water; with John Pomfret, Northampton Branch IWA member
11:05	<b>Session 2:</b> Restoration; Moving Forward Led by Mike Palmer, Waterway Recovery Group Chair; with Hugh Pearman, Chair of the Heritage Advisory Panel at The Inland Waterways Association
11:50	<b>Coffee break</b>
12:10	<b>Breakout Workshop Options</b> <b>A:</b> Water Transfer; Continuing the Conversation John Pomfret, Northampton Branch IWA member <b>B:</b> Changing Conversations Around Heritage Led by Hugh Pearman, Chair of the Heritage Advisory Panel at The Inland Waterways Association; Charlie Norman, Director of Campaigns and Public Affairs at The Inland Waterways Association; Mike Palmer, Waterway Recovery Group Chair <b>C:</b> Q&A Workshop with Canal & River Trust Chaired by George Rogers, Development Manager at Chesterfield Canal Trust
12:50	<b>Lunch</b> – Local branch video in main hall and chance to visit foyer stalls
13:50	<b>Session 3:</b> Working With Young Volunteers; Duke of Edinburgh Award focus Kate Simons, National Volunteer Manager at Canal & River Trust; Christine Howles, Communications and Marketing Trustee at Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust
14:35	<b>Close</b> Mike Wills, National Chair at The Inland Waterways Association
14:50	<b>Final Thoughts</b> Paul Rogers Compère
14:55	<b>Group Photo</b>
15.00	<b>Optional guided/self-guided tour of the museum</b>