

## **Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water Catchment Manager Presented with Environmental Professional of the Year Award**

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The Society for the Environment celebrated environmental professionalism through its Environmental Professional of the Year Award.

The award was presented to Dr Phillippa Pearson, Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) of the Institute of Water and working for utilities company Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water. The Society also recognised two finalists who were highly commended; Elaine McFarlane CEnv of the Energy Institute, working for Shell, and Graham Powell CEnv of the Institute of Water, working for Anglian Water.

All three finalists impressed the Society, but it was judged that Phillippa perfectly exemplified registered environmental professionals and was considered to be an outstanding example of Chartered Environmentalist, especially in regards to her mentoring and communications work.

Dr Emma Wilcox, Chief Executive Officer of the Society, said "This Award demonstrates the exceptional achievements and personal commitments of environmental professionals and the positive impact of being registered."

"Our nominees, shortlist and winner work for wide variety of organisations, which together impact millions of people lives. I am really pleased with the support which these organisations give to their staff, which shows a welcome shift towards environmentally sound and sustainable working practices. We intend to use all their stories to inspire more people to become environmental professionals and, of course, to become registered environmental professionals."

"We received entries from a broad range of environmental professionals; from academics, independent contractors, employees of large and small organisations and environmental consultants. All of the nominees are working towards promoting and incorporating sustainable working and should be congratulated."

The Society will be sharing the stories of our finalists over the coming weeks and months to inspire more people, from all levels and sectors, to pursue environmental professionalism within their careers.

Dr Peter Matthews, Chair of the Society, said "I am pleased I had the opportunity to present this award and promote the influence of registered environmental professionals. Having helped found the Society, I am proud of what our registrants continue to achieve in terms of promoting and practicing environmental sustainability. This demonstrates that the behaviours demonstrated by our nominees, alongside their careful and diligent work in creating a culture of sustainable practice, are as necessary as regulation for a green future."

The award was presented at the inaugural ENDS Impact Awards. It brought together workers from across the sustainability and environmental sectors to recognise outstanding contributions to sustainable working.

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**Caption:** 'Chair of the Society for the Environment, Dr Peter Matthews CBE OBE HonFSE CEnv, presents the Environmental Professional of the Year trophy to winner Dr Phillippa Pearson CEnv of the Institute for Water, working for Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water.'

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#### **NOTES TO EDITOR:**

The Society for the Environment, is comprised of 24 Licenced Bodies, with over 500,000 members between them. It received a Royal Charter in 2004, which empowers it to regulate the Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) registration in the UK. The Society subsequently introduced the Registered Environmental Technician (REnvTech) registration in 2014. There are now over 7,000 CEnvs who share a common vision of delivering sustainability through environmental professionalism. Further information can be found at [www.socenv.org.uk](http://www.socenv.org.uk).

#### **About Dr Peter Matthews CBE OBE**

Peter Matthews is a Chartered Environmentalist, Chartered Chemist, and Water and Environment Manager. He has held a variety of senior positions in the environmental field, in both the private and public sectors. After a career in the water industry spanning almost 35 years, he retired from Anglian Water International as Deputy Managing Director International in 1999. And after serving on the board of the Environment Agency and as Chair of the Northern Ireland Utility regulator, he was appointed in August 2012 as Founding Chair of the Welsh Government's new body for managing natural resources in Wales, Natural Resources Wales (NRW), a position he held until December 2015.

#### **About Dr Emma Wilcox**

Emma Wilcox has been CEO of the Society since July 2015 and since joining the organisation has led the development of a new five-year strategy increasing registrations and profile for Chartered Environmentalists and Registered Environmental Technicians.

Her career has spanned a number of disciplines including scientific research, knowledge and technology transfer, skills and education, programme and business management and stakeholder and relationship

management. Emma's strong academic background is supported by an in-depth knowledge of both public and private sector landscapes.

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