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**West of England and South Wales Women’s History Network**

**30th Annual Conference**

Women and the Natural World: historical perspectives on nature, climate and environmental change.

Saturday 30th September 2023

Venue: Exeter Central Library, Times TBC

**Call for Papers**

Keynote Speaker: Professor Nicola Whyte, Co-Director of the Centre for Environmental Arts and Humanities. University of Exeter  
  
This conference will offer a broad perspective on women and the environment over time.

Themes could include women’s historical involvement in:

* Environmental and natural sciences
* Conservation and eco-activism by individuals and in campaigning organisations seeking to protect nature and biodiversity.
* Weather forecasting and climate change
* Rescue and recovery work following environmental events such as floods, earthquakes, volcanoes and hurricanes
* Land management practices e.g. enclosures
* Gardens and allotments,
* Parks and garden cities
* Farming, gardening and agricultural work
* Botanical and zoological films, photography and illustration

Papers should be of not more than 20 minutes in length. Suggestions for presentations in film or other non-standard formats will be considered.

Please send an abstract of up to 300 words to [katherineuna.holden@gmail.com](mailto:katherineuna.holden@gmail.com) by   
Friday May 26th 2023.