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10-12 April 2017: [18th UK-Young Water Professionals Conference](#)

11-12 April 2017: [13th UK Young Coastal Scientists and Engineers Conference \(YCSEC\)](#)

18 May 2017: Colloquium - Linking chemical-soil interaction to pollutant fate and transport from soil to water - [Dr Brian Reid](#)

15 June 2017: Colloquium - David Baxter

18-20 July 2017: [IWA Efficient Conference 2017](#)

Public Policy Exchange symposium

Water Policy experts urge for cross-sectoral communication and coordinated, collaborative actions in the Post-Brexit era, as discussed during a Public Policy Exchange symposium held recently in London.

The symposium “Improving Water Quality and Tackling Water Pollution: Exploring the Future of Water Management in Post-Brexit Britain” attracted approximately 30 experts and stakeholders across the UK water sector: regulatory bodies, water and consultancy companies, NGOs and the research community formed a truly cross-sectoral and multi-disciplinary group.

The [Water Innovation and Research Centre of the University of Bath \(WIRC@Bath\)](#) had a dynamic presence at the event. The Director of WIRC, [Prof Jan Hofman](#), chaired the event and Chrysoula Papacharalampou represented the [Catchment Theme](#) of WIRC.

The event was structured in two sessions. During the morning session, the National Outlook for Brexit and its potential impacts on water policy and regulation was presented. This involved the assessment of the progress made to date and the identification of gaps and opportunities for the post-Brexit water policy, especially in regards to the implementation of European Directives. The afternoon session was focused on the ways and approaches required to build synergies and work at a preventing level for tackling diffuse pollution. The presentations and following discussion underscored the essence of cohesive, efficient and coordinated Integrated Catchment Management for achieving reductions at the pollution levels and mitigating the risks of further deterioration of the water environment.

The stakeholders’ discussions clarified outstanding water policy and regulation issues and highlighted areas requiring further development:

- Brexit changes and impacts on Water Policy will not occur ‘overnight’ and a strategy for a gradual transition is required.
- Improving quality standards and cross-sectoral communication will build confidence, improve the resilience of water systems and mitigate environmental and economic risks.
- Current institutional structures hinder the implementation of Integrated Catchment Management strategies and measures.
- The fragmentation of the water sector and the limited collaboration among its actors result in a lack of evidenced-based methodologies for decision-making.

overarching stakeholder.

Meet Our Colleague

[Dr Kemi Adeyeye](#)

Senior Lecturer, Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering, University of Bath.

I joined the University of Bath in September 2015, prior to this, I worked at the University of Brighton. The collegiality and genuine interest among colleagues in my department – [ACE](#) and in [WIRC](#) continues to make this a positive and exciting move.



I hold a MArch in Architecture (Design) from the University of Nottingham, and a PhD in Architectural Engineering from Loughborough University. My specialism can be categorised as Integrated Design i.e. the holistic application of the 5Ps: Principles, Policy, Process/Performance, Product and People to research problems in the built environment. The one question I always get though is, **Why Water?** Well, without being too academic about it; water is a significant factor in how we perceive, produce, use, interact and experience architecture, and I enjoy exploring these tangible and intangible paradigms. Also, it provides the social-technical frame to explore the efficiency and resilience of buildings, especially when considered together with ever-changing environmental factors.

So I am excited to be part of [WIRC](#) and its multi-disciplinary Water Awareness and Human Behaviour group, and I look forward to working together on new and exciting projects, and to achieve the Centre's collective goals.

Upcoming Conferences

10 - 12 April 2017, Bath, [18th UK-IWA Young Water Professionals Conference](#), *A Water World without Boundaries*

29 May 2017- 2 June 2017, Florianopolis, Brazil, WA Leading Edge

[Informatics, Sustainability and Environment: iWISE 2017](#)

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