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Poetry & Geology: A Celebration

Monday 10 October 2011

Provisional Programme

10.00	Welcome Address Bryan Lovell, President, Geological Society
Opening Talk: <i>The poem makes meanings of the rock</i>	
10.15	Wallace Stevens' 'The Rock' Francis Gilbert
SESSION 1: <i>I must begin with these stones as the world began</i>	
11.00	Thomas Hardy and the Jurassic Coast Rebecca Welshman, University of Exeter
11.30	Norman Nicholson: Lake District poet Eric Robinson, Geologists' Association
12.00	Robert Burns and Geology Colin Will, Past Chair, Scottish Poetry Library
12.30	Lunch (provided for all attendees)
SESSION 2: <i>Landscape plotted and pieced</i>	
13.30	The Stone Library Alyson Hallett
14.00	The Lie of the Land Helen Mort
SESSION 3: <i>The mazed world knows not which is which</i>	
14.30	Poetry and Climate Change Matthew Griffith, Durham University
15.00	Poetry and the Anthropocene Jan Zalasieswicz, University of Leicester
15.30	Tea
Closing Talk: <i>All those kyles, lochs and sounds</i>	
16.00	The Ground of Geo-poetics Gordon Peters, Scottish Centre for Geopoetics

Poetry Reading: <i>Oh, good gigantic smile of the brown old earth</i>	
16.45	Fellows, Friends and invited guests read poems inspired by geology followed by a reading by guest poets Alyson Hallett, Michael McKimm and Helen Mort
18.15	Closing remarks Bryan Lovell, President, Geological Society
18.30	Wine Reception (with live music by Mike Excell)