

# The Role of Botanic Gardens in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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Botanic gardens: archaic and obscure or thriving 21<sup>st</sup> century scientific institutions? This symposium will provoke debate and discussion on the important role botanic gardens can play in our contemporary world.

## Programme

- 9.30am Registration
- 10.00am Introduction  
**Professor David Cutler** (President, The Linnean Society of London)
- 10.15am Keynote speech  
**Professor Steve Hopper** (Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew)
- 11.00am *Science and botanical gardens - heritage without a future?*  
**Dr Nicolas Robin** (Jena University, Germany)
- 11.45am Lunch and poster session
- 1.00pm *Multiple uses of the herbarium; a philosophers innovation?*  
**Dr Alexandra Cook** (Hong Kong University)
- 1.30pm *Gardens, science and conservation - natural partners for filling gaps*  
**Dr Sandy Knapp** (Natural History Museum, London)
- 2.00pm Tea
- 2.45pm *The socio-educational role of botanic gardens*  
**Julia Willison** (BGCI)
- 3.15pm Plenary discussion  
Chaired by **Dr Marianne Klemun** and **Dr Dawn Sanders**
- 3.45pm Summary and close
- 4.00pm Reception

Registration details are available from [www.linnean.org](http://www.linnean.org)