

TITLE	Shaping Biodiversity Futures: Stories of Action, Reflection and Change
DESCRIPTION OF THE SESSION	Biodiversity is vital for the health of ecosystems, yet it faces rapid loss due to human interference. Decisions affecting biodiversity are made daily at all levels – governments make policies, businesses make investments and individuals make lifestyle choices. Better understanding the factors that influence these decisions – such as cultural, social and personal values – is key to a transformative change. In this session we invite researchers and practitioners to share their place-based stories of transformative change, i.e., best practice examples where individual behaviours, community actions or institutional rules have been changed to foster a positive transformation for biodiversity. Key themes include: • Theoretical and empirical insights on how intersecting factors shape our relations to, and decision on, biodiversity • Methodological insights on how different types of interventions (i.e. deliberative tools, artistic approaches, nudges, games) induce transformation at multiple scales • Critical reflections on the (expected vs. real) impacts of transformative interventions – how to assess impacts on different scales (individual, group, organisational, institutional) and what if no impact is detected This is an open session organised as part of the PLANET4B project, and we welcome abstracts from other projects and initiatives.
KEYWORDS	Intersectionality, Behaviour change, Institutional change
SESSION FORMAT	We propose an interactive open session , starting with a 15 min introductory presentation, followed by 5-6 place-based transformative change stories (format can vary from posters to artistic presentations but must fit into 5-8 minutes each), and closed by a roundtable discussion including the representatives of transformative change stories.
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