

# Environmental Services & Solutions Expo 2026

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Your guide to speaking on the UK's biggest stage for environmental services.



**ESS**  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
& SOLUTIONS EXPO



**RWM**  
RESOURCE & WASTE  
MANAGEMENT EXPO



**EFD**  
ENERGY, FUELS &  
DECARBONISATION EXPO



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REMEDICATION EXPO



**WWEM**  
WATER, WASTEWATER &  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT EXPO



**GEO**  
GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING  
AND OPERATIONS EXPO



**AQE**  
AIR QUALITY &  
EMISSIONS EXPO



**CARS**  
COMPLETE AUTO  
RECYCLING SHOW



**MRE**  
METALS RECYCLING  
EVENT

# Why Speak at ESS Expo?

The Environmental Services & Solutions Expo (ESS) is the UK's flagship trade event for sustainability, environmental management, and the circular economy. Taking place annually at the NEC Birmingham, ESS unites 15,000+ professionals across waste, recycling, water, energy, resource, air quality, land remediation, geotechnical engineering, and net zero solutions.

**15k+**

Total Attendees

**400+**

Expert Speakers

**25%**

YoY Growth

**7k+**

Attending Companies



# Why Speak at ESS Expo?

- **Reach the decision-makers that matter**
  - Share your insight with a highly targeted audience of local authorities, utilities, environmental service providers, industry end users, investors and innovators.
- **Shape the future of the environmental sector**
  - Go beyond trend-talk. Address the real challenges and opportunities facing a rapidly growing, regulated and innovation-led market.
- **Lead the conversations driving action**
  - Be part of a curated content programme focused on practical solutions, collaboration and measurable impact across interconnected environmental industries.
- **Amplify your voice beyond the stage**
  - Benefit from ESS's strong industry partnerships and media reach, extending the influence of your ideas far beyond the live audience.



# Top tips for speaker applications



1.

## KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE

ESS attracts a broad but highly-focused audience across waste, recycling, water, energy, air quality, land remediation and net zero. Tailor your content to the challenges faced by operators, local authorities, utilities, end users and solution providers, with clear UK relevance and practical application.

2.

## ALIGN TO ESS THEMES

Successful submissions clearly connect to ESS's core themes – including decarbonisation, circular economy, biodiversity, green skills and sustainability. Make it obvious how your session supports the environmental transition and delivers tangible outcomes, not just ideas.

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## **FOCUS ON SOLUTIONS, NOT SALES**

ESS audiences value insight over promotion. Sessions should share lessons learned, case studies, data or best practice. Commercial messaging should be subtle and secondary to genuine knowledge-sharing.

4.

## **BUILD BALANCED PANELS**

If proposing a panel, ensure a mix of perspectives - for example operators, solution providers, policymakers or end users. The most compelling sessions reflect the interconnected nature of the environmental services sector and avoid a single-track viewpoint.

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## CHOOSE STRONG MODERATORS

Moderators are critical to a successful panel session. Select someone who can challenge speakers, manage time and draw out practical insight - not just introduce the panel.

6.

## CONSENT IS ESSENTIAL

All proposed speakers must be confirmed and aware they are included in the submission. Incomplete or speculative line-ups may not be considered.

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## **BRING FRESH VOICES AND DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES**

ESS is committed to showcasing a wide range of experiences, backgrounds and viewpoints. We actively encourage submissions that introduce new voices, underrepresented perspectives and original thinking. If your session sounds familiar, it may not stand out.

8.

## **MEET DEADLINES AND GUIDELINES**

Submit your proposal on time and adhere to any limits on the number of submissions per organisation. Late or incomplete entries may not be reviewed.

# Application Timeline



**19 JAN**

CALL FOR CONTENT  
IS OPEN

**19 FEB**

CALL FOR CONTENT  
IS CLOSED

**16 MAR**

CALL FOR CONTENT  
APPLICANTS NOTIFIED

**16-17 SEPT**

TIME TO SHINE.



**Got a question about your application?**

**We're happy to answer! Send us an email on:**

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