

Cambridge Conservation Initiative

THE DAVID ATTENBOROUGH BUILDING:

Home to CCI's Conservation Campus

In 2015, over 500 conservation professionals moved into a new shared working space. The David Attenborough Building in central Cambridge provides a highly visible and accessible hub for the Cambridge Conservation Initiative to raise the profile of nature conservation.

Named in recognition of Sir David's pioneering work in bringing the wonders of the natural world to a global audience, the building provides an environment designed to encourage transformational approaches to understanding and conserving these wonders and the natural capital they represent.

All 10 CCI partner organisations are now either headquartered or have a significant presence within the campus. This convergence of expertise in academic research and on-the-ground practical conservation is enabling the challenges to biodiversity to be tackled in ways that could not be achieved by any one partner alone.

Shared resources for collaborative working

The building is designed to provide an intellectually stimulating environment and to make collaboration part of the day-to-day working culture for everyone. Dedicated office space for each CCI partner connects with a diversity of shared meeting rooms, breakout spaces and facilities, a communal common room, and access to the 450-seat Babbage Lecture Theatre.

The new A.G. Leventis Library and Information Services offers electronic access to an unparalleled body of conservation information in addition to a quiet working space. The Leventis



I hope and believe this Campus, as the hub of an extraordinary cluster of conservation institutions and people, will play a major and dynamic role in advancing global biodiversity conservation, and perhaps offer a new model for conservation collaborations elsewhere.”

Mike Rands
Executive Director, Cambridge Conservation Initiative

Library contains the consolidated collections from BirdLife International, FFI, IUCN and TRAFFIC and offers access to many additional resources, including training and support in information management.

A teaching room accommodates students on CCI's MPhil in Conservation Leadership. Dedicated spaces throughout the campus will exhibit the work produced through an ongoing programme of artists' residencies; writers, musicians and visual artists who will work alongside researchers and practitioners to interpret their work in new ways.

At the heart of the campus is the André Hoffmann Atrium. Flooded by natural light from its glass roof, this space hums with the sound of interactions between the campus occupants and visitors, which take place against the



backdrop of the atrium's spectacular 13 metre-high living wall of plants.

The Museum of Zoology

The University's Museum of Zoology is also housed in the David Attenborough Building, and this provides great opportunities to foster the public understanding of biodiversity and the need for its conservation, as well as to showcase the work of CCI partners. Working in partnership enables the Museum's vast and internationally important collection to be used to demonstrate the value of science and the fragility, complexity and relevance of biodiversity to society.

Sustainability

An existing structure that has undergone a complete renovation, the David Attenborough Building demonstrates the highest levels of



“The David Attenborough Building is an important new resource for the conservation community. It will provide a unique and cutting edge space for students, researchers and practitioners to come together and combine efforts in search of innovative solutions to the most pressing conservation challenges facing our planet.”

Inger Andersen

Director General, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

environmental sustainability. Features including a biodiverse green roof, electricity-generating photovoltaic panels and user-tailored lighting not only provide a wonderful place to work but enrich the biodiversity of this urban setting while reducing the building’s environmental footprint. The latest communication technologies are available to bring people together from across the globe without significant travel and associated environmental costs.

Amplifying CCI’s influence

The building enhances CCI’s convening power and ability to engage new audiences, from policy makers and business leaders to the public, who all play a vital role in the ultimate success of global conservation endeavours.



By coming together in the David Attenborough Building, CCI partner organisations are being introduced to a greater diversity of mindsets and ideas. Not only will that diversity help them individually, but together they will be an unstoppable force for global nature conservation.”

David Gibbons

Head of the RSPB Centre for Conservation Science

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