

## Xylella Awareness Week—Workshop 4

Staff and volunteers at botanic and public gardens, environmental and conservation groups and other interested members of the public

March 5 2021, 09:30—12:30

**Session Chairs:** Ana Pérez-Sierra (Forest Research) and Saskia Hogenhout (John Innes Centre)

**Summary:** *Xylella fastidiosa* is a bacterial pathogen, spread by spittlebugs, which has emerged in importance since being detected in continental Europe. This bacterial pathogen infects more than 500 plant, shrub and tree species, causing leaf scorch, wilt, dieback, and in some cases plant death. There is no known cure for the disease.

*Xylella* is not currently present in the UK. The BRIGIT project ([www.jic.ac.uk/brigit](http://www.jic.ac.uk/brigit)) works to improve our understanding of the disease so that the UK is better prepared should it be introduced.

This session aims to provide an update of our understanding for those who work at or volunteer with botanic and public gardens, environmental and conservation groups and other interested members of the public. There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions and discuss the science.



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Vector Borne Disease of Plants

### Agenda

09:30 - 09:35	<b>Introduction to workshop &amp; presenters</b> Ana Pérez-Sierra (Forest Research)
09:35 - 09:50	<b>What is <i>Xylella</i>?</b> Anna Platoni (RHS)
09:50 - 10:05	<b>Where is <i>Xylella</i>?</b> Gerard Clover (Forest Research)
10:05 - 10:30	<b>Regulatory framework</b> Dominic Eyre and Sharon Matthews-Berry (Defra)
10:30 - 10:45	<b>Questions and Discussion</b>
10:45 - 11:00	<b>Break</b>
11:00 - 11:30	<b>Introduction to froghoppers &amp; leafhoppers</b> Alan Stewart (University of Sussex) and Claire Harkin (University of Sussex)
11:45 - 12:15	<b>Regulations, Responses, and Responsibilities</b> Rehema White (University of St Andrews), Mariella Marzano (Forest Research), Chris Pollard (Forest Research) and Althea Davies (University of St Andrews), In this session researchers will feed back preliminary results from their research exploring how inspectors, and those who grow, purchase, sell, plant and conserve plants may respond to regulatory scenarios regarding <i>Xylella</i> and how each stakeholder has responsibility for ensuring plant health. We will explore these questions with you to ensure that we minimise unintended negative consequences from and for people and plants.
12:15 - 12:30	<b>Questions and Answers</b>

Please note that the workshop will be recorded.