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## 216th Lecture Series 7.30pm - 31st January 2018

**Professor Carolyn Roberts**

### **Managing our water environment: Is it a hopeless cause?**



#### **ABSTRACT**

Vital for life in so many ways, water is arguably our most precious resource. Yet both shortages and excesses of water are already producing pressures that threaten society, and the risk of catastrophe appears to be rising with changing climates and increasing populations. We are starting to experience more floods, and more droughts too. What are the chances of managing our water effectively to prevent disasters, maintain a healthy environment, and leave our children room for manoeuvre? The lecture will explore some of the challenges, consider the views of people involved in water management, and evaluate the potential role of exciting new technologies in meeting these future needs.

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

*Carolyn Roberts is the first Professor of Environment at Gresham College London, founded in 1597 to educate the public in a variety of subjects from Astronomy to Musick, and Geometry to Physick. She previously worked for Innovate UK, linking businesses with universities to generate new environmental technologies. Whilst at Oxford and other universities, she undertook research on the management of water in the UK and internationally, an area in which she now works as a consultant. She has been Chair of the Institution of Environmental Sciences, and of Society for the Environment.*

#### **LINKS**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b07428bk>

**All lectures take place in Lecture Theatre K3.25, John Anderson Building,  
University of Strathclyde, Rottenrow East, Glasgow G4 0NG.**

**Non-members welcome**

The John Anderson Building is in the pedestrianised area between Rottenrow and Rottenrow East. Free car parking is available behind the building. From High Street enter Rottenrow East at the Barony.

*Refreshments will be served at 9.00pm.*