



# YOUNG PEOPLE OLD PEAT

*A symposium on peatland restoration  
and climate justice*

by RE-PEAT x Biosintrum  
18./19. May 2026

Ecommunitypark 5  
Oosterwolde



## May 18<sup>th</sup>

10:00 - 11:00	<b>Arrival</b>	
	Welcome with kombucha Room: Atrium	
11:00 - 11:45	<b>Opening ceremony</b>	
	Room: Collegezaal	
	What are peatlands? (EN/NL) Speaker: <b>Hans Joosten</b>	What can we do? (EN) Speaker: <b>Petra Boorsma</b>
	Why should we care? (EN) Speaker: <b>Bobbi</b> (RE-PEAT)	How can we listen to the peat? (Sound performance) Creators: <b>Kristina Mau Hansen, Antonin Chudoba</b>
11:45 - 12:00	<b>Break</b>	
	Room: Atrium	
12:00 - 12:45	<b>Session 1</b>	
	Peatlands & the body: Exploring the entanglement between peatlands, our physical and mental health. (EN/NL) Speaker: <b>Camille Sapara Barton</b> Room: Vlas	South African Peatlands: A Landscape of Opportunity (EN/NL) Speakers: <b>Renée Grundling, Piet-Louis Grundling, Althea Grundling</b> Room: Hennep
	Scaling Typha: Collaborative Solutions for Paludiculture (EN) Speaker: <b>Austin Shepherd</b> (Ponda) Room: Lisdodde	Tales From the Bog - The cultural and natural meanings of bogs (EN) Speakers: <b>Floor Huisman, Kate Foster</b> Room: Bermgras
	The future of peat farming (EN/NL) Speaker: <b>Jasper van Belle</b> Room: BR Mycelium	
12:45 - 14:00	<b>Paludi Lunch</b>	
	Peat inspired meal with crops harvested from local paludi farms Chefs: <b>Hamish Day</b> with <b>Estelle Verlinden &amp; Boaz Goudsblom</b> (Radical Radishes) Room: Atrium	
14:00 - 14:45	<b>Session 2</b>	
	Stay wet, go paludi (EN/NL) Speaker: <b>Tjeerd Veenhoven</b> Room: Lisdodde	Looking at peatlands through science (EN/NL) Speaker: <b>Hans Joosten</b> Room: Hennep
	Youth Engagement and Enabling Pathways for Wetland Conservation (EN) Speaker: <b>Elise Allély-Fermé</b> (Wetlands International) Room: Vlas	How do we relate to land? (EN) Speaker: <b>Ikram Hamdi Mansour</b> Room: Bermgras
	From Paludi Culture to Construction (NL/EN) Speaker: <b>Coen Verboom</b> Room: BR Mycelium	
14:45 - 15:00	<b>Break</b>	
	Room: Atrium	
15:00 - 16:45	<b>Camp Design Hackathon</b>	
	Bring the ideas from the morning into action with your team and identify gaps that restoration camps can fill. (EN/NL) Rooms: Announced on the day	
16:45 - 17:30	<b>Closing ceremony</b>	
	Collective reflection and presentation of camp ideas. Concluded with a raffle to join the Summer 2026 Dutch Camp team! Room: Collegezaal	

## May 19<sup>th</sup>

14:00 - 17:00	<b>Peatland excursion to Fochteloërveen</b>	
	Bike tour hosted by Natuurmonumenten, at the bog restoration site. Contact us in case of accessibility concerns. (NL/EN) (Communicated by email)	

