



Research

Call for participants: Jake Robinson, a PhD student the University of Sheffield is looking for nature-related organisations to participate in his research on green prescriptions. Participation involves completion of a short questionnaire to gain an understanding of whether green prescriptions are being used and to understand challenges and opportunities. For more information please follow link for Participant Information Sheet.

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Proximity to urban green spaces matters for city dwellers

The study, 'A spatial analysis of proximate green space and mental wellbeing in London' demonstrates how urban green spaces may improve a broader definition of mental wellbeing. While government guidelines recommend minimum amounts of green space in residential developments this study, by researchers at the Universities of Warwick, Sheffield and Newcastle, was able to establish more specifically where green space may be most valuable.

Two hour weekly nature dose to boost wellbeing

A growing body of evidence indicates that greater exposure to natural environments (such as parks, woodlands and beaches) is associated with better health and well-being. But how long should you experience the great outdoors for in order to reap the most benefit? According to a study, that examined data from nearly 20,000 people in England, the answer is about 120 minutes each week.

Tool to identify best locations for habitat creation

Condati is a free, open-source, decision support tool to identify the best locations for habitat creation and restoration to enhance existing habitat networks and increase ecological connectivity across landscapes.

Urban Nature – challenging inequalities and supporting wellbeing

Improving Wellbeing through Urban Nature (IWUN) is a three year research project that aims to research how Sheffield's natural environment can improve the health and wellbeing of the city's residents. Their latest Policy and Practice brief is Supporting People's Mental Wellbeing Through Urban Nature – Challenging Inequalities

Funding

Climate Challenge Fund open for applications

Funding from the CCF is available of up to £100,000 per organisation, per year, for the next two financial years 2020-2022. The CCF supports community-led organisations in Scotland to tackle climate change by running projects that reduce local carbon emissions. Deadline: 20 Sep 2019

Big Climate Community Conversations

Community groups including community councils can apply for funding to host Big Climate Conversation events and there's a free resources pack to get you started. Grants between £100 - £300 are available. Deadline: 21 Oct 2019

Baillie Gifford Community Awards Programme

A stand-alone grants programme managed by Foundation Scotland aimed at supporting grass roots community organisations across the whole of Scotland. The programme will consider grants of up to £2,000 which fit a range of priorities. Deadline: 2 Dec 19.

The Morrisons Foundation awards

Grant funding for charity projects which make a positive difference in local communities. In the main grants are available to fully fund projects up to £25,000.

#ShiftthePower Scotland Comic Relief Programme

Grant programme that is open to community-led grassroots organisations and charities with an income of £250,000 or less whose work fits one of the four strategic themes, Children Survive & Thrive, A Safe Place to Be, Mental Health Matters and Gender Justice.

Monitoring and impact measuring support

Charities, community groups and voluntary organisations can now access free support for monitoring and measuring their impact. The National Lottery Community Fund has launched a new index tool of existing outcome frameworks and indicators as an open resource for the sector

Jobs

Senior Project Officer, Dundee: The Conservation Volunteers in conjunction with the Green Health Partnership, Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside are looking for someone to lead a project to add new Green Health activities to complement those already happening and also work to provide training and support to health workers and community groups to help develop the opportunities for Green health referrals in Dundee and its social prescribing ambition. See <https://www.tcv.org.uk/careers> for all the information. The closing date for applications is Monday 16th Sept.

Project Development Officer (Ecologist) - Thriving Green Spaces Project

Scottish Wildlife Trust are seeking an experienced, confident urban ecologist with the skills to lead the development of the ecological change theme for Edinburgh's Thriving Green Spaces project. This is an opportunity to put nature at the heart of a pioneering programme designed to find sustainable ways to manage and fund parks and open spaces in Scotland's capital city. Closing Date: 23 Sep 2019

Project Development Officer - Thriving Green Spaces Project

Aligned with the Edinburgh 2050 City Vision, the aim of the Thriving Green Spaces project is to create a sustainable strategy that will ensure Edinburgh's parks and green spaces are enhanced, protected and cared for into the future. It will establish a sustainable funding model that enables the city to resource a green space service relevant for 21st century urban living and take a lead on delivering many of the capital's aspirations on place-making, health, sustainable energy, active travel, and biodiversity. The City of Edinburgh Council will commence recruitment for project staff in early Sep.

Walk Leader / Assistant – Greener Kirkcaldy

Greener Kirkcaldy are looking to create a network of volunteers to run and assist with walks across Kirkcaldy. Walks will be approximately 30-50 minutes long. Volunteers can run activities for their own communities, groups or organisations, or assist with our public walks. Walks can be run on any day/time.

News

Scottish Programme for Government and greenspaces

Scotland's Programme for Government 2019 announced early September has a strong focus on climate change and lowering emissions. It also makes a number of commitments that are relevant to urban parks and greenspaces, biodiversity, green infrastructure, local food growing, active travel and energy.

Not so pretty vacant

The Vacant and Derelict Land Taskforce is challenging all sectors in Scotland to help bring land back into productive use and prevent future sites from being abandoned. The taskforce has published a Statement of Intent with actions required to make this happen at a national level.

New map for Health Walks across Scotland

Paths for All have launched a new online map detailing over 670 free, friendly and fun Health Walks across Scotland. With hundreds of the walks taking place in local greenspace as part of the route, joining a Health Walk is the perfect way to enjoy some fresh air in local nature, whilst meeting new people and improving physical and mental health too

Urban biodiversity projects benefit from Nature fund

14 projects across Scotland have been confirmed as the first recipients of Scottish Natural Heritage's Biodiversity Challenge Fund. The projects will take practical steps to improve natural habitats, safeguard plant and animal species and improve biodiversity. Seven urban nature projects have received funds. The projects include the Edinburgh Shoreline project, Greening Pinkston Basin in Glasgow and the Little France Park Project in Edinburgh that will breathe new life into an unmanaged urban greenspace.!

Plan to Grow Food

The Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society (SAGS) and Planning Aid Scotland (PAS) have published Plan to Grow Food, a helpful spatial planning advice guide for allotments and other food growing spaces.

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