



**Connecting Nature
Virtual Summit
1st edition**

**Innovation Summit
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Programme**



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Day 1

23 March 2021

All times in GMT

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Reducing the risks

Nature-based solutions for biodiversity, climate change mitigation and adaptation, water management and extreme weather events.

10:00-10:20

Welcome

Welcome setting out the importance of urban nature-based solutions in Glasgow and Scotland and explaining how they feed into the European Union's strategy.

Chair: Julie Procter (greenspace scotland)

Speakers: Susan Aitken (Glasgow City Council), Aileen Campbell (Member of the Scottish Parliament), Ciaran Cuffe (Member of the European Parliament)

10:20-11:00

Connecting Nature – innovating with nature-based solutions in our cities

The phrase 'nature-based solutions' arrived into the lexicon of planning as having the potential for reconciling the desire to regreen cities while deriving benefits to communities. This is a huge challenge for planners and policy-makers, but it also opens up opportunities for innovation. This session will explore the potential of nature-based innovation.

Chair: Marcus Collier (Trinity College Dublin)

Panellists: Duncan Booker (Glasgow City Council), Rachel Cowper (Inspiring Scotland), Ciaran Cuffe (Member of the European Parliament), Marianne Zanderson (Aarhus University)

11:30-12:30

Big climate challenge – how cities can adapt and innovate using nature-based solutions

In 2021, Glasgow is host city for COP26 and this presents a call to action. In the urgent shift to more sustainable cities that deliver for their citizens, can nature-based solutions address problems on the scale of climate change? What solutions are being pioneered and how are they being delivered?

Chair: Stuart Connop (University of East London)

Speakers: Gillian Dick (Glasgow City Council), Cristian Garcia (Promálaga), Gerardo Gonzalez (BIOAZUL), Jonathon Mueller (Helix)

12:30-14:00

Networking session

14:00-15:15

Reducing the risks innovation cafes

Informal presentations of innovative nature-based solution projects or themes to stimulate conversation and questions from the presenters and participants. Bring your own coffee and cake!

Speakers: see Innovation Café programme for full details.

15:15-16:15

Building natural networks and delivering the deal with stakeholders

This session explores how to deliver city scale green networks using nature-based solutions. Cities present and reflect on their experience with urban nature-based solutions and how they involve entrepreneurs or collaborate across local authorities or municipalities.

Chairs: Marleen Lodder (DRIFT, Erasmus University Rotterdam) and Paula Vandergert (UEL)

Speakers: Antonio Prieto Gonzalez (A Coruña), Max Hislop (GCV Green Network Partnership), Mien Quartier (City of Genk)



Day 2

24 March 2021

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Healing sick cities

Nature-based solutions for health, wellbeing, place-based planning, human scale, food growing and food provision.

11:45-12:00

Day 2 welcome and summary of previous day

Welcome: Marcus Collier (Trinity College Dublin)

12:00-13:00

Naturally smart cities – innovating with data to support nature-based solutions

Using the right data in the right way is a key factor in delivering successful urban nature-based solutions, this session explores how using data can help projects be planned strategically with a focus on their impact right from the start.

Chair: Gillian Dick (Glasgow City Council) and Adina Dumitru (University of A Coruña)

Speakers: John Maslen (greenspace scotland), Rania Sermpezi (Glasgow City Council), David Tomé Lourido (University of A Coruña), Clair Cooper (Durham University)

13:00-14:00

Networking session

14:00-15:15

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Speakers: see Innovation Café programme for full details.

15:15-16:15

Where art and business collide: imagining urban nature-based solutions for health and wellbeing

Join us to learn about two very different collaborative creative techniques for planning, designing and managing your nature-based solution. Hear from cities and communities who have tried and tested these approaches and see what might work best for you.

Chair: Isobel Fletcher (Horizon Nua) and Pauline Georgiou (University of East London)

Speakers: Eleni Malekiddou (ANEL - Nicosia Development Agency), Rachel McLoughlen (Growchapel Demonstration Garden), Belma Pasic (SERDA), Nermina Suljevic (City of Sarajevo)

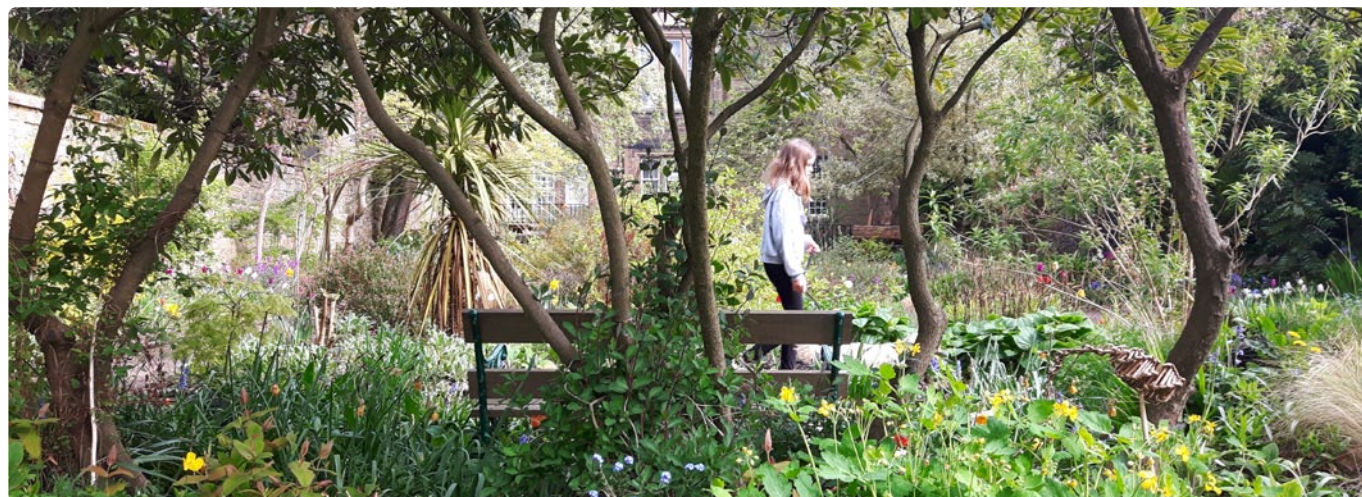
16:30-17:30

UrbanbyNature capacity-building programme goes westwards – meet the Brazilian hub

Hear a conversation between two Brazilian cities on the inclusion of nature-based solutions in their local climate action plans. Speakers discuss the support needed for the financing, planning and delivery of nature-based solutions. Language will be Portuguese.

Chairs: Daniela Rizzi (ICLEI) and Victor Ferraz (ICLEI SAMS)

Speakers: Cecília Guerra (Development Bank of Latin America), Renata Farias, (Fortaleza Municipal Secretariat of Urbanism and Environment), Carlos Ribeiro (Recife Secretary for Environment and Sustainability), Rodrigo Perpétuo (ICLEI SAMS)



Day 3

25 March 2021

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Routes to recovery

Nature-based solutions for a green recovery, policy that supports natural infrastructure, nature-based enterprise, skills and employability.

07:45-08:00

Day 3 welcome and summary of previous day

Welcome: Marcus Collier (Trinity College Dublin)

08:00-09:30

UrbanbyNature – meeting the Caucasian, Chinese and Korean streams

UrbanbyNature, the nature-based solutions capacity-building programme extends eastwards.

Chairs: Shreya Utkarsh (ICLEI) and Vasileios Latinos (ICLEI)

Speakers: Shushanik Asmaryan (CENS), Mamuka Gvilava (Geographic), Tea Melikazde (EBRD), Qin Mao (Changing Low Carbon Project Management and Development Centre of Shanghai), Shu Zhu (ICLEI East Asia)

10:00-11:00

New green deal – can nature-based solutions aid city recovery?

A decarbonised, sustainable economy is not only necessary to prevent climate change, it also presents opportunities for business, enterprise and society.

Can nature-based solutions and enterprises deliver for a green recovery?

How can we finance investment in nature-based solutions?

Chair: Julie Procter (greenspace scotland)

Speakers: Catherine Pearce (SNIFFER), Jo Pike (Scottish Wildlife Trust), Esmee Kooijman (Horizon Nua), Siobhan McQuaid (Trinity College Dublin)

11:30-13:00

Accelerating innovation and start-ups in the nature-based economy

The EU Green Deal recognises that nature-based solutions are key to innovation for economic or societal needs and can lead to significant business opportunities. In this workshop we meet entrepreneurs in nature-based innovation and the people nurturing the potential of this new breed of start-ups.

Chair: Siobhan McQuaid (Trinity College Dublin)

Speakers: Stine Casparij Kondrup (Greencubator), Stuart Connop (ARENA Incubator), Colm O'Driscoll (ECOSTAR/ Etifor), Agnieszka Osipiuk (City of Poznan), Sean Kelly (Glasgow City Council)

13:00-14:00

Networking session

14:00-16:00

Entrepreneurial enterprises – service design for nature-based solutions training

This services design skills workshop, aimed at environmental designers, engineers and planners, will be participatory and introduce simple exercises that can be applied to your daily workflow. Skills that could help you get more out of your projects and lead to more sustainable results.

Trainers: Adrian Hill and Laurens Van Der Cruyssen (Osmos)





Times GMT **Reducing the risks innovation cafes - Tue 23 Mar 2021**

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| 14:00-14:25 | <p>Challenges of Retrofit Surface Water Management in Glasgow
 James Murray, MGSDP Glasgow City Council
 Examples of retrofit surface water management in Glasgow using nature based solutions, and reflection on the challenges associated.</p> |
| 14:00-14:25 | <p>GrowGreen in Wroclaw, our learning on nature-based solutions
 Malgorzata Bartyna-Zielinska, Grow Green
 Nature-based solutions as a tool in climate change adaptation in the GrowGreen project, examples of the solutions and lessons learnt.</p> |
| 14:00-14:25 | <p>A green wall for kids in kindergarten
 Shushanik Asmeryan, Center for Ecological-Noosphere Studies
 Hear about the creation of a cost-effective green wall surrounding one of the kindergartens in Yerevan, Armenia.</p> |
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| 14:25-14:50 | <p>10,000 Raingardens for Scotland
 Emilie Wadsworth, Green Action Trust
 Testing and monitoring neighbourhood scale raingarden features for their affect on surface water management and social-economic factors.</p> |
| 14:25-14:50 | <p>Malls Mire Community Woodland, Scotland
 Gemma Jennings, Urban Roots
 Discover how the local community have been working with Urban Roots to manage this woodland and improve its value for wildlife.</p> |
| 14:25-14:50 | <p>What do citizens think about urban environments?
 Mamuka Gvilava, GIS and RS Consulting Center GeoGraphic
 A participatory discussion on how relevant it is to ask citizens' opinions on our changing climate .</p> |
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| 14:50-15:15 | <p>Orchards, agroforestry: how to create urban food forests?
 Fergus Walker, The Orchard Project
 Creating urban and peri-urban micro ecosystems that provide us with food security, sequester carbon and boost biodiversity?</p> |
| 14:50-15:15 | <p>Creative approaches to nature-based solutions, Scotland
 Gemma Lawrence, Creative Carbon and Hannah Imlach, PHD Student
 This session will explore the role that creative practices can play in environmental conservation and climate change related initiatives.</p> |
| 14:50-15:15 | <p>Towards a carbon conscious place: The Shetland Islands
 Laura Hainey, A&DS
 The Knab site on Scotland's Shetland Islands is one of four pilot projects for A&DS's exploration into designing for a changing climate.</p> |
| 14:50-15:15 | <p>UNaLab: urban nature labs
 Piersaverio Spinnato and Maria Dubovik, UnaLab
 Learn about ICT tools for decision-making in water management and climate change adaptation.</p> |



Times GMT **Healing sick cities innovation cafes - Wed 24 Mar 2021**

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- 14:00-14:25** **Green health pathways to healthier cities**
Ian MacKenzie, Edinburgh & Lothians Health Foundation and Theresa Martin, Glasgow City Council
 Hear how social and green health prescribing can create opportunities to target health inequalities.
- 14:00-14:25** **From natural playgrounds to floating gardens, Poznań, Poland**
Natalia Madajczyk, City of Poznan
 Small scale nature-based solutions: natural playgrounds, ways of sharing space & floating gardens as holistic approaches to urban challenges.
- 14:00-14:25** **Horticultural Therapy as a path to employment and wellbeing**
Richard Walsh, SACRO The Garden Project
 An overview of how SACRO's The Garden Project helps adults with barriers to employment through horticulture.
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- 14:25-14:50** **Community growing – networks for nature**
Abi Mordin, Glasgow Community Food Initiative
 Discussing how community gardening can enhance ecological systems and urban biodiversity.
- 14:25-14:50** **The Children's Wood Glasgow, Scotland**
Emily Cutts, The Children's Wood
 Creating the change you want to see. Leading a successful grassroots campaign to preserve local greenspace.
- 14:25-14:50** **Creating a metropolitan park in Pavlos Melas**
Maria Mavroudi, Municipality of Pavlos Melas
 Transition of a former military camp in Greece into a metropolitan park, unleashing its potential as a natural resource.
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- 14:50-15:15** **Glasgow – a National Park City?**
Dominic Hall, Glasgow National Park City
 Could a National Park City inspire a Greener, Healthier, Wilder Glasgow?
- 14:50-15:15** **Young Placechangers programme, Scotland**
Ea O'Neill, greenspace scotland
 Young Placechangers puts young people in the lead role – bringing together their community to look at local spaces.
- 14:50-15:15** **URBAN GreenUP, new strategy for renaturing cities - Spain**
Raul Sanchez, Urban Green Up
 Cities as living ecosystems: how can we incorporate NBS to renature them in order to fight against climate change.

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