



Innovation Summit Programme

23-25 March 2021

Day 1 - 23 March 2021

Theme: **Reducing the risks** – nature-based solutions for biodiversity, climate change mitigation and adaptation, water management and extreme weather events.

10.00-10.15 **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.

10.15-11:00 **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.

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?

12.30-14.00 **Networking session**

14:00-15:00 **Reducing the Risks project 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!

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.

Day 2 - 24 March 2021

Theme: **Healing sick cities** - nature-based solutions for health, wellbeing, place-based planning, human scale, food growing and food provision.

- 11:45-12:00** **Day two welcome and summary of previous day**
- 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.
- 13.00-14.00** **Networking session**
- 14:00-15:00** **Healing Sick Cities projects cafes**
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- 15:15-16:15** **Where art and business collide: Imagining urban nature-based solutions for health and wellbeing**
Join us to learn about 2 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.
- 16:30-17:30** **UrbanByNature Global West Session**
UrbanbyNature, the nature-based solution capacity-building programme goes to the Global West. Meet the Brazilian Stream.

Day 3 - 25 March 2021

Theme: **Routes to recovery** – nature-based solutions for a green recovery from the economic recession following Covid-19, nature-based skills, employability and enterprise.

- 7:45-8:00** **Day three welcome and summary of previous day**
- 08:00-09:30** **UrbanByNature Global East Session**
UrbanbyNature, the nature-based solutions capacity-building programme goes to the Global East. Meet the Caucasian, Chinese and Korean Streams.
- 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? Do they support economic (growth) models that ensure humans prosper and nature thrives?
- 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.
- 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.
- 16:00-16:15** **Closing summary**