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Day 1

23 March 2021

All times in GMT

GMT = CET minus 1 hour

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 (REGREEN)

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: Emilie Wadsworth (Green Action Trust – 10,000 rain gardens), Gerard O'Brien (A&DS - Carbon Conscious Places), Shushanik Asmarya (CENS - Center for Ecological-Noosphere Studies, Armenia), Gemma Lawrence (Creative Carbon Scotland), Malgorata Bartyna-Zielinska (Grow Green), Mamuka Gvilava (GeoGraphic, Georgia), James Murray (MGSDP - Challenges of Retrofit Surface Water Management in Glasgow), Fergus Walker (The Orchard Project), Laura Wendling (UnaLab), Emma Iller (Urban Roots – Malls Mire)

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.

Chair: Marleen Lodder (DRIFT, Erasmus University Rotterdam)

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)

13:00-14:00

Networking session

14:00-15:15

Healing sick cities innovation cafes

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Speakers: Dominic Hall (TCV - Glasgow National Park City), Ian Mackenzie (greenspace scotland - Edinburgh & Lothians Green Health Partnership), Theresa Martin (Glasgow City Council – green health), Abi Mordin (Glasgow Community Food Initiative), Richard Walsh (SACRO Garden Project, Glasgow), Emily Cutts (Children's Wood, Glasgow), Maria Avroudi (Pavlos Melas – creating a new urban park), Agnieszka Osipiuk (City of Poznan – natural playgrounds), Raul Sanchez (Urban Green Up), Ea O'Neill (greenspace scotland -Young Placechangers)

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 Dimitra Xidou (Trinity College Dublin)

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

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), Edilene Oliveira (Fortaleza Municipal Secretariat of Urbanism and Environment), Carlos Ribeiro (Recife Secretary for Environment and Sustainability)



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)

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)

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/Etifer), Agnieszka Osipiuk (City of Poznan)

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)

