

# Nextdoor Nature Pioneers Programme



## Nextdoor Nature News

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### What's been happening on the Nextdoor Nature Pioneers Programme?

#### Webinars

Due to a scheduling clash, we've had two webinars closer together than we had planned!

At webinar 4, we were joined by Alex Neale from the National Academy of Community Organising (NACO). Alex talked through the basics of community organising and shared some tips for implementing community organising in your own project. - <https://youtu.be/AHVJvFN3Hzc>

The fifth webinar of the series focussed on communications. We talked to three people who are involved in communications in different ways. We heard from environmental author and journalist, Nicola Baird, The Wildlife Trusts Communications and Press Officer for Nextdoor Nature, Autumn Barlow, and climate influencer and activist, Laura Young. - <https://youtu.be/Gtp4zCrCIE>

#### Falls of Clyde event

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us at the Falls of Clyde on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope you enjoyed David's storytelling workshop and learnt some useful tips from Jo's photography session! If you couldn't make it on the day, check out this video to see what went on. - [https://youtu.be/YYGgc\\_y00YE](https://youtu.be/YYGgc_y00YE)

#### Tell us about your projects!

Lots of your projects are really starting to kick off. Let us know what you're up to or if there is an event you'd like us to come along to.

### Coming up: Webinar 6 – Pollinators (14/06/2023)

Our next webinar is going to take a closer look at pollinators and how we can help them in our own areas. The webinar will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at the usual time of 7pm.

#### Interesting links

Following our brilliant trip to Falls of Clyde you can head back to the reserve for Badger Watch! Adult tickets are £10 and there are badger watch sessions throughout summer. [Family Badger Watch at Falls of Clyde | Scottish Wildlife Trust.](#)

## Optional Modules

The first handful of optional modules are now available on the Pioneers Portal. The modules available are:

- Working with volunteers
- Good promotion
- Wildlife surveying
- Government and politics

These are just the first few modules, and we are planning on adding more over the coming months so watch this space!

## Nextdoor Nature Project Equipment

As many of your projects are underway and some of you are even running events, we are pleased to let you know that you can now request equipment and resources for your project. Each Nature Pioneer has up to £300 to spend on equipment and resources. The equipment request form is attached to the email. The form includes some examples of equipment that might be useful. To place a request, simply fill in the form and send it to Lola at [lmay@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:lmay@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk). **Please get any orders in before the end of cohort 1 on 30/06/2023.**

## Other grants

### Magic Little Grants

These are £500 pots of money for grassroots organisations. The application takes 20 minutes and you will hear back in around 6 weeks. The deadline to apply is the 31st October. The funds come from the People's Postcode Lottery.

<https://localgiving.org/about/magic-little-grants/>

### Wild Isles Community Fund

Applications are now open and you can book a 15 minute 1-2-1 call to chat through the application. [Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund](#) | [Save Our Wild Isles](#)

### The Co-op Foundation

The Co-op Foundation are offering grants of a minimum of £1000 for projects that are bringing people together to access food, improve mental wellbeing, provide opportunities for young people and/or enable people to restore nature. You can find out more here - <https://causes.coop.co.uk/>

## An update from the Nextdoor Nature team...

As some of you may be aware, our wonderful Community Engagement Officer, Roanne, is leaving us. Roanne is heading off for an exciting new job as a Consultant Ecologist.

Roanne says: *"I've loved work with you all and learning about your communities and local areas. It has been great to visit so many new places in Scotland and meet such inspirational people. I wish you all the best of luck with your projects and can't wait to see the nature you bring into your local areas in the future."*

We will be taking on a new Community Engagement Officer in the next month or so but please bear with us in the interim. In the meantime, you can get in touch with Lola at [lmay@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:lmay@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk).