

Nextdoor Nature Pioneers Programme



Nextdoor Nature News

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

Hello everyone! We hope you're enjoying the return of summer – here in Edinburgh it feels like it's finally arrived. Hopefully you've enjoyed the webinars and that your projects are going well.

As a quick reminder, you can watch all of the previous webinars on YouTube here:

Webinar 1 – Introduction to the Scottish Wildlife Trust and action for nature – <https://youtu.be/nZl2KotwsVs>

Webinar 2 – CEMVO and equality diversity and inclusion – <https://youtu.be/8ZwSuuywrSQ>

Webinar 3 – Mapping for communities and nature – <https://youtu.be/knP56mygyil>

Webinar 4 – Community organising with NACO – <https://youtu.be/AHVJvFN3Hzc>

Webinar 5 – Communications with Nicola Baird, Autumn Barlow and Laura Young – <https://youtu.be/Gtp4zCrClE>

As you may remember, we have the incredible opportunity for you to practise your community organising conversations with Nick from the National Association of Community Organisers. We would really, really, encourage you to sign up for one of these sessions, they're so useful in helping to understand how to have productive conversations – and don't worry, these don't need to be whilst door knocking!

You can sign up to a date here: [Doodle](#)

Webinar 6 – Pollinators (14/06/2023)

The next webinar will be on Wednesday 14th June at 7pm. We've got three speakers who will be joining us to talk about pollinators. We'll hear from Lynne Bates from the Nectar Network, Rachel Faichnie from the Scottish Wildlife Trust and Caitlin McLeod from BugLife. You can register for the webinar [here](#).

Optional Modules

Just a reminder that the first handful of optional modules are 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!

Coming up...

We have our final face to face event coming up on Wednesday 5th July! Here are the details:

Where: The address is 136 Tollcross Road, Parkhead, Glasgow, G31 4XA

You can't see the garden from the road, so to find us, go through the wooden gate to the right of the Salvation Army and up the ramp.

When: Arrive for 4.30pm, and we will finish by 8.30pm.

What: We will be having a pizza party celebration of your 6 months on the Nextdoor Nature Pioneers Programme.

The event will include a tour of the community garden, pizza making, and talking about the future goals for your projects.

This event will be a celebration of you, so we would like to invite you to **bring along a plus one** to the event.

Please let us know in advance of the event if you can make it, and if you'll be bringing a plus one.

We'd also like to create a photo collage of our time together, so if you have any photos of your projects or our day trips that you'd like to share, send them over to Lola at lmay@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk

Interesting links

- Vegware has a regular funding opportunity called the Vegware Community Fund, which '*supports sustainability in its widest sense, including the built and natural environment, and community projects, by offering monthly grants or a regular donation of Vegware's eco packaging.*' Every month it will give recipients between £20 - £200 to cover their core costs. You can read more, or apply using this link [About us - Vegware Community Fund Blog](#)
- Our friends at CEMVO have started a podcast, called 'Disrupting the Doughnut of Doom', which will have interviews with people working in Scotland to encourage greater inclusion and diversity in the environmental sector. You can listen to it [here](#).
- The first sighting of a Cetti's warbler in Scotland has happened! This suggests that its range is spreading, which is very exciting. You can read about it [here](#).
- Fonah Bog, which forms part of the Scottish Wildlife Trust's Balgavies Loch Wildlife Reserve, remains the only site in Scotland where a tiny water beetle has been found. The beetle, *hydroporus scalesianus*, is only 2mm in size! Signs of the beetle were found recently, confirming it is still there! You can find out more about the rare sighting [here](#).
- Laura, who we heard from at our communications webinar, is continuing her #BanDisposableVapes campaign. You can read more about Laura's campaign on her website [here](#).