

Nextdoor Nature Pioneers Programme



Nextdoor Nature News

Cohort 2 – Newsletter 1 – May 23

Welcome to the Nextdoor Nature Pioneers Programme!

We are so excited to have you on board, and for you to create change for nature. This is our first Nextdoor Nature Newsletter, there will be one every month which will keep you up to date with all the events and things happening in the Pioneers Programme.

The Nextdoor Nature team

The Nextdoor Nature team is made up of six members of Scottish Wildlife Trust staff.

Lola May – Partnerships Officer

Ed Turpin – Communications and Engagement Officer

Amy Davidson – Digital Communications Officer

Pete Haskell – Head of Communications

Gill Hatcher – Engagement Manager

We are currently recruiting a new Engagement Officer to join the team so watch this space!

Order outdoor clothes

The Pioneers Programme aims to be completely free and accessible. As such, we can purchase outdoor clothing for you to make sure you can get outside and take action for nature in all weathers. Check out the catalogue attached to the email and fill out the form at the end with what clothes you would like and in what sizes. Please return to lmay@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk as soon as possible.

The Pioneers Portal

The Pioneers Portal is where you will find all the online modules and updates about the programme. The modules will be released fortnightly on a Monday and the introduction module is already uploaded and ready for you to work through. Your log in details will be emailed to you soon!

Upcoming event dates

In-person events

During the Pioneers Programme there will be 5 in-person events. These are great opportunity to network with other Nature Pioneers and learn new skills.

Lunch will be provided at all these events. We will also reimburse you for any travel expenses so please ensure you keep travel receipts.

More details about the future in-person events will be sent out in advance of each event but here are the provisional dates and locations:

Event 1 – Jupiter Urban Wildlife Centre, Falkirk - Saturday 10/06/23 from 10 – 15:30

Event 2 – Muiravonside Country Park - Friday 14/07/23, from 10 – 15:30

Event 3 – The Ecology Centre, Kinghorn (TBC., location may change) - Saturday 05/08/23, from 10 – 15:30

Event 4 (TBC) - 29/09/23

Event 5 (TBC) - 22/11/23

Webinars

There will also be 6 webinars in total. Details about each webinar will be included in the monthly newsletters. The last two webinars there are a choice of topics. Vote for the topic you'd like to hear about using this link:

Webinar 1 (Introduction) - 21/06/23 19:00

Webinar 2 (Community Organising) - 19/07/23 19:00

Webinar 3 (Mapping your local area) - 16/08/23 19:00

Webinar 4 (Communications) - 13/09/23 19:00

Webinar 5 (YOU CHOOSE) - TBC

Webinar 6 (YOU CHOOSE) - TBC

Share and Learn sessions

Roughly 2 weeks after each webinar, we will have a zoom call with space to discuss the previous webinar, and anything else on your mind! This will be an informal space to chat with the other pioneers, as well as an opportunity to share your experiences, learn from others and ask questions.

Your project

The final component of the programme is your project for nature. The programme is set out in a way that builds skills in a logical order, ending with your practical project. So, there is no rush to start your project in the first few weeks of the programme. We'll spend some time talking more about your projects at the first event.

If you have any questions at all send them to Lola or you can chat to the team at the event on Saturday 10th June.