### Welcome to the



## RECLAIM

Introduction TDAG Workshop

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023





















### **RECLAIM Network Plus**

RECLAIM (Reclaiming Forgotten Cities - Turning cities from vulnerable spaces to healthy places for people) is a £1.2m EPSRC-funded Network+ grant. It is led by the University of Surrey's Global Centre for Clean Air Research (GCARE) in collaboration with the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Universities of Bath, Bangor and Warwick.

















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### RECLAIM Network Plus Team



Reclaiming Forgotten Cities - Turning cities from vulnerable spaces to healthy places for people



#### **Professor Prashant Kumar**





**Dr Nerea Calvillo** 





**Dr Thomas Kjeldsen** 





**Professor Laurence Jones** 



UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology



**Dr Shelagh Malham** 





Network Manager
Network Fellow
Network Officer
465+ Members & growing



### **Activities**

- Urban Greenspace and People Call
- Workshops Call
- Knowledge Exchange Visits Call
- Horizon Scanning & Synthesis Studies
- Webinar Series
- Large Engagement Event
- GBGI Database

















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### **Urban Greenspace and People Call**

Small research projects costing up to £40k that explicitly address gaps in our knowledge of GBGI effectiveness against multiple outcomes, including social justice and equity.

The lack of hard evidence demonstrates the multi-functional aspects of nature-based solutions as a major challenge to widespread implementation of green-blue-grey infrastructure (GBGI).

- 9 projects funded
- All projects have now started and will last for up to 12 months























### **Urban and Greenspace People Awardees**

- **University of West England (£37,602)**
- **University of Gloucestershire (£39,934)**
- **University of Bath (£40k)**
- **University of Surrey (£80k)**
- **Bangor University (£40k)**
- **Imperial College London (£39,645)**
- **University of East London (£39,906)**
- **Leeds Beckett University (£39,031)**





















### **Workshops Call**

Up to £2,500k available to run one day workshops around practical Green-Blue-Grey Infrastructure (GBGI).

- 5 Workshops awarded funding so far:-
- TDAG
- Bristol Natural History Consortium
- Birmingham City University
- University of Surrey
- University of Plymouth

















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### **Workshop Awards**

#### Trees and Design Action Group (TDAG) - 24th April 2023

 The workshop will focus on street trees, which have become increasingly important in regional and national policy in recent years on account of the many benefits they provide to urban areas and their residents.

#### **Natural History Consortium – 14th June 2023**

 The workshop will focus on the GBGI infrastructure in the West of England (although the event will be inclusive, welcoming and relevant to professionals from other areas of the RECLAIM network).





















### **Knowledge Exchange Visits**

Up to £3k available for short term secondments to create opportunities for professionals involved in Green-Blue-Grey Infrastructure (GBGI) from academia, government and industry to gain experience in a different sector.

2 Knowledge Exchange Visits awarded so far

















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#### **Secondment Awards**

Xizhen Huang - PhD student in Energy and Environmental Engineering at the University of Reading.

Currently on a secondment with the University of Surrey's Global Centre for Clean Air Research (GCARE) in the areas of urban greening & heating.

Andrea Berardi - Co-Director of Cobra Collective CIC.

Currently on a secondment with Spelthorne Borough Council in Surrey in the areas of GBGI planning and codesign.

















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### **Horizon Scanning and Synthesis Studies**

### RECLAIM

- Horizon Scanning Workshop delivered in October 2022
- Following the workshop 7 Data Synthesis Review teams were created:
  - Water Flow and Quality
  - Air Pollution
  - Urban Heating
  - Noise
  - Biodiversity
  - Carbon Stocks & Sequestration
  - Health, Wellbeing & Equity
- £15k per review





















#### **Webinar Series**

















12 Webinars incl. Launch

282 live attendees

**Topics have included:** 

De-Paving

Climate Change

Air Pollution Mitigation **Green Walls** 

**Nature Based Solutions** Drainage

22 Speakers

1,019 You Tube views



















**471 Members (and growing)** 

Network represented in over 40 countries

### **Members Map**

















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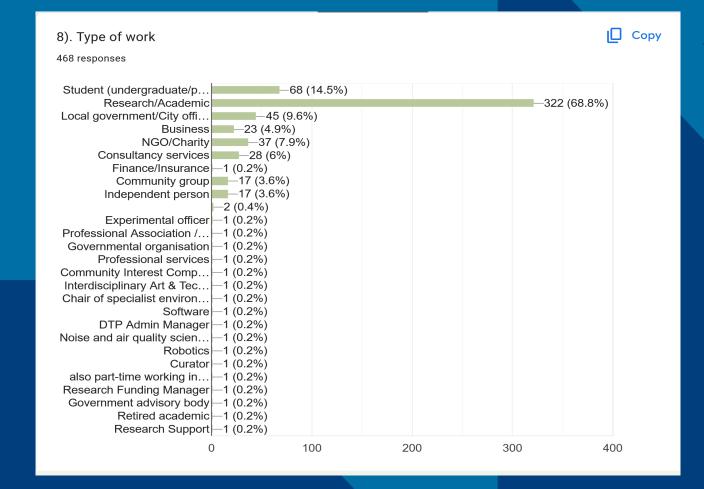
#### **Background of Membership**

Research Academic 68% Student (UG/PG) 14.5% Local Gov/City Official 9.6%

#### **Interest Areas of Membership**

Public Health & Wellbeing 73% Planning & Governance 58% Green Walls/Façades 56%

#### **Member Info**

















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# Exploring the benefits of green and blue infrastructures

**RECLAIM Network Plus Conference** 

#### SAVE THE DATE

Monday 11th September 2023

University of Surrey, Guildford 10am to 4.30pm















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