



Newsletter – December 2024

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

As a few items of interest have been published since our November newsletter, we thought we should keep you updated – so here is our 'last' newsletter for 2024!

As you know from our monthly updates, we have quite a few activities either recently completed or underway. Here are a few of them:

Urban Forest Accelerator (UFA) Toolkit as part of the Future Parks Accelerator project

As part of this TDAG provided a short guidance documents for community groups keen to plant more than whips, but asking for advice on how to do this successfully.

The toolkit is available here: <https://futureparksaccelerator.notion.site/The-Urban-Forest-Accelerator-Toolkit-1432185564378089b7cfdb33818b38ad>

As part of the UFA, Finance Earth are developing a costing toolkit which will be available on mid-January 2025.

First Steps in Urban Trees and Noise

This is being developed by Forest Research and will be available in the New Year.

Tree Species Selection for Green Infrastructure

We have been given some funding by Barratt Redrow to add a section on the biodiversity value of trees. The project is led by Dr Andrew Hirons (Urban Plant Lab) and will be published in the autumn.

TDAG canopy cover documents

We are working on part 2 focusing on site assessments and this will be published in the spring.

TDAG ONLINE SEMINARS – ALL FREE TO ATTEND

2024 online seminars

You can find all the recordings, presentations and chat here:

<https://www.tdag.org.uk/past-events.html>

You can also go to our YouTube page if you just want to see the recording:

<https://www.youtube.com/@treesanddesignactiongroup7020>

2025 online seminars

Many thanks for all your suggestions. We are working on the programme for 2025 and will circulate details.

TDAG IN PERSON EVENTS

Futurebuild 4-6 March 2025 at ExCel, London

We will have a TDAG stand (C64) in the Placemaking are of the show which is donated by Futurebuild and supported by MHCLG, Forestry Commission, Arboricultural Association, Landscape Institute and six partners - Forest Research, Fund4Trees, GLA, National Trust, The Mersey Forest and the Woodland Trust.

We will have a TDAG seminar on the Placemaking Impact Stage on 5th March from 14.30-15.15 on *Healthy Trees, Healthy Places, Healthy People - why we need more canopy cover, tree equity and planting success*

Please let Sue James know if you would like to do a stint on the stand itself. An hour or so is helpful and the overall show and knowledge programme is worth attending.

Futurebuild is free to attend – you just need to register here:

<https://register.visitcloud.com/survey/2kghe2c4dmmd>

EVENTS BY OTHERS

Arboricultural Association Wednesday webinars

These will start at the end of October and run to March 2025 and you can earn CPD points. All details are here: <https://www.trees.org.uk/Training-Events/Webinars>

NEW PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION

Health Benefits of Urban Trees by Sharon Lam and Kathy Wolf for the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority. This has very useful illustrations and is backed by research-based evidence references

<https://trca.ca/urban-trees-health-benefits/>

You may also be interested in Kathy's report on "Human Health Benefits of City Trees & Forests: Rapid Review of Research Publications with Practical Application"

https://www.naturewithin.info/New/2024_Health_Benefits_of-Urban_Forests.rapid_review.final.pdf

We have invited Kathy and Sharon to take part in a TDAG online seminar during 2025.

Wrong trees in the wrong place

<https://cam.ac.uk/research/news/wrong-trees-in-the-wrong-place-can-make-cities-hotter-at-night-study-reveals>

The new National Planning Policy Framework, (NPPF)

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/675abd214cbda57cacd3476e/NPPF-December-2024.pdf>

Last word!

Thank you for your support and interest in the Trees and Design Action Group over the last twelve months. Enjoy the festive season and we look forward to further collaboration in 2025.

Sue, Emma and Dee for the Trees and Design Action Group