



Newsletter – February 2025

FUTUREBUILD 4-6 MARCH 2025 at EXCEL, LONDON

We will have a TDAG stand (C64) in the Placemaking area 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*

Thank you to all who are taking a stint on the stand. For those who can get to ExCel, Futurebuild has a broad offering beyond 'trees'.

It is free to attend – you just need to register here:
<https://register.visitcloud.com/survey/2kghie2c4dmmd>

TDAG ONLINE SEMINARS – ALL FREE TO ATTEND

2025 online seminars

We are developing these and adding them to our 2025 events guide which is here:
<https://www.tdag.org.uk/events.html>

The central theme is 'resilience'. Resilience relates to more than climate resilience. We need environmental, economic and social resilience to the multiple challenges that we find ourselves facing. Trees can make a remarkable contribution to many aspects of resilience, as well as the need for us to help trees to be resilient themselves.

| Date | Topic |
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| 25 th February | Trees for human resilience and wellbeing |
| 3 rd April | Resilience through canopy cover |
| 13 th May | Resilience through planning for trees |
| 10 th June | Resilience to tree pests and diseases |
| 8 th July | Resilient streets integrating green, grey and blue infrastructure |
| 11 th September | Creating tree resilience in response to changing weather patterns |
| 8 th October | How education can encourage resilience for urban treescapes |
| 4 th November | Growing a resilient research base |
| 4 th December | Resilience through BNG? What have we learned – a two-year review |

So, save the dates!

Registration details will be in the events guide as soon as each session has been finalized and at least 4 weeks before the seminar date.

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>

EVENTS BY OTHERS

Landscape Institute Masterclass 6th March

***Right Tree for Right Place and Function* with Henrik Sjöman and Arit Anderson**

This is a 4-hour paid CPD session.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/masterclass-right-tree-for-right-place-and-function-tickets-1116588037879?aff=oddtcreator>

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

Following the seminar on 25th February 2025 – here are details of the project *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. This will have been discussed at our seminar on 25th February 2025. <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](https://www.naturewithin.info/New/2024%20Health%20Benefits%20of%20Urban%20Forests.rapid%20review.final.pdf)

Brownfield site and biodiversity net gain.

New report from the West Midlands Combined Authority - With greater emphasis being placed on development on brownfield land there is increased risk of impacts to the Open Mosaic priority habitat type that can occur in such areas. With an understanding of the challenges of developing brownfield sites, the WMCA has developed this design guide to support stakeholders involved in urban development, and specifically brownfield sites, to ensure positive outcomes for biodiversity and delivery of high-quality habitat as part of Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). This is an important piece of work, not only for the West Midlands, but for other urban areas across England

<https://www.wmca.org.uk/what-we-do/environment-energy/natural-environment/technical-resources/>

Urban Design Journal – focus on trees edited by Sue James

You can download this from Spring 2024 here:

<https://www.udg.org.uk/publications/journal/urban-design-170-spring-2024>

Thousands of US Forest Services staff are laid off by Trump

[https://www.independent.co.uk/news/donald-trump-seattle-los-angeles-joe-biden-washington-b2702071.html?lid=37d5yy24kow9&utm_medium=email&utm_source=braze&utm_campaign=Climate%20Newsletter%2021-02-25&utm_term=IND Climate Newsletter&empar=ec51a972d99b523b7a97b2e12eb5da2fe940b14d09cb35d0e34d584efdf5114d](https://www.independent.co.uk/news/donald-trump-seattle-los-angeles-joe-biden-washington-b2702071.html?lid=37d5yy24kow9&utm_medium=email&utm_source=braze&utm_campaign=Climate%20Newsletter%202021-02-25&utm_term=IND%20Climate%20Newsletter&empar=ec51a972d99b523b7a97b2e12eb5da2fe940b14d09cb35d0e34d584efdf5114d)

Hedgerows are important sequestrers of carbon into the soil

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0167880925000039>

Some efforts to natural habitats are shifting harmful land use

<https://www.cam.ac.uk/research/news/restoring-wildlife-habitats-in-wealthy-nations-could-drive-extinctions-in-species-rich-regions>

Birds like solar farms

<https://www.cam.ac.uk/www.cam.ac.uk/stories/solar-biodiversity-birds>

Record warmth in January 2025

<https://climate.copernicus.eu/copernicus-january-2025-was-warmest-record-globally-despite-emerging-la-nina>

Climate change and children's health

<https://www.climatecentral.org/climate-change-and-childrens-health>

Healthy Homes Principles special: How do we ensure all new homes have access to local amenities, nature and transport?

<https://www.insidehousing.co.uk/comment/raising-the-healthiest-generation-in-history-90110>

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