



Newsletter – January 2026

New Year's Greeting to All

TDAG ONLINE SEMINARS – ALL FREE TO ATTEND

**Our first online seminar for 2026 11th February from 2-4pm GMT:
Success stories from the United Kingdom.**

There is widespread concern that many tree planting projects do not have the rate of success in terms of tree establishment that they should. We invited suggestions from across the United Kingdom under several themes to demonstrate what success looks like and how it was achieved.

Register for free here: <https://bham-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/dWqj0Q-TByw4R3vecgSKw#/registration>

Past 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>

Trees People and the Built Environment 6!

This will take place in June 2027. The starting point is a short survey and it would be helpful if you could complete it. Here is the link:

[**What do you want to see from Trees, People and the Built Environment 6? Survey**](#)

CONSULTATIONS

Updated NPPF: consultation closes 10th March 2026

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/69417a0958a21370f58f3010/December_2025_NPPF_Consultation_document.pdf

and

https://consult.communities.gov.uk/planning/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planning-policy-f/consult_view/

Please let Sue James know if you have any specific comments or would like to share key issues so that to align responses. Sue.jamesriba@gmail.com

RESEARCH ROUND-UP: IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTITIONERS

A reminder to researchers to submit and share your work with practice.

Send us a 200-word overview of a completed project or completed output/thing to look at/read/use outlining why it is relevant to those working with trees in the urban environment along with a link to the research itself for those who want to know more!

Complete this form to have your research included in a future TDAG newsletter:

<https://forms.office.com/e/HA5t0rqq0A>

Research outcomes in a TDAG newsletter will be moved to the Research section of the TDAG website for future reference <https://www.tdag.org.uk/research.html>

This month's research submissions:

None have been received this month. Please do let us know if you have any current or completed research that would be of interest to the wider TDAG community.

The second TDAG/ The Mersey Forest Ideas Lab prize for early career researchers.

This will run again in 2026 with sponsorship, as before, from The Mersey Forest. The 6 submissions shortlisted will be invited to present their work on 18th November 2026. So, some time to think ahead for this one and we will provide submission forms a little later in the year.

Calls for papers

Designing London: The Landscape Legacy of the Greater London Council, 40 Years On

Conference Date (Autumn 2026) and Location to be announced. Abstracts: 250–300 words and a brief biography (100 words) to [Jan Woudstra](#) and [Robert Holden](#) by the **deadline 6 February 2026** - [details here](#)

European Forum on Urban Forestry – 26-29 May 2026, Malmö, Sweden

As every year, we count on you for making EFUF a success - the [call for stories, ideas and abstracts for talks, posters and other contributions](#) has been opened.

Deadline is 18th of January 2026.

EVENTS BY OTHERS

Arboricultural Association Wednesday Webinars 7th January to 11th February

Register here: <https://www.trees.org.uk/Training-Events/Webinars>

Green Alliance 13th January 12.00-13.00

What will 2026 mean for UK environmental policy and politics?

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-will-2026-mean-for-uk-environmental-policy-and-politics-tickets-1977588634842?aff=oddtcreator>

FOLAR (Friends of the Landscape Archive)

Women crossing boundaries in landscape - FOLAR + The Gardens Trust continue our collaboration with our online series of weekly talks on Wednesday evenings 6-7.30pm from Wed 14 Jan – Wed 18 Feb 2026

<https://www.folar.uk/events>

NEW PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION FROM OTHERS

With thanks to the Natural Cambridge Partnership, TCPA, GI Partnership, Urban Design Group, the Reclaim Network, and others.

Reclaim Network: Urban Greening "How-To" Toolkit for local authorities, councilors, and community leaders!

Download here: : [Urban Greening "How to" Toolkit — RECLAIM](#)

Wood burning stoves face new restrictions

So-called domestic burning is now a leading source of one of the most harmful forms of air pollution, and the UK government's new [environment improvement plan](#) acknowledges the scale of this problem

<https://theconversation.com/wood-burning-stoves-face-new-restrictions-but-a-loophole-from-britains-smog-years-is-fuelling-the-problem-271165>

Rebuilding nature

Creating a UK Strategic Nature Network by restoring dynamic ecosystems that protect society. <https://rebuildingnature.com/>

A sustainable future requires new thinking

Adopting a fresh approach to protecting planetary health would deliver stronger economics, fewer deaths, and less poverty according to a new UN Environment Programme report, its most comprehensive assessment of environmental pressures facing the world.

<https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/press-release/un-report-investing-planetary-health-would-deliver-higher-gdp-fewer>

SOCIAL MEDIA

Just a reminder that TDAG now has two social media accounts (we decided to delete the Twitter/X account):

- BlueSky
<https://bsky.app/profile/tdagtalktree.bsky.social>
- LinkedIn:
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-trees-and-design-action-group-trust/>

Let us know of any events, publications, or other matters of interest to share!
Sue, Emma and Dee for the Trees and Design Action Group