



Trees & Design
Action Group

Newsletter – October 2024

TDAG REQUESTS

Seminar topics for 2025:

Please let us know if there are any topics that you would like to see discussed and also if you would like to take part.

London Urban Forest Partnership and Plan update

If you are London based and would like to represent TDAG on this, please let us know. The LUFP says that:

Joining the partnership is free and will give your organisation the opportunity to:

- Take part in the partnership's network meetings held twice a year.
- Contribute to and receive network updates circulated twice or three times a year.
- Join any funding bid the Partnership might pursue to resource the delivery of the LUFP Actions Update.

TDAG ONLINE SEMINARS – ALL FREE TO ATTEND

Seminar to be held on 29th October 2024 on Designing with Trees

The presentations, recording and meeting 'chat' will be put on to the TDAG website under 'Past Events' as soon as possible after today's seminar along with our other past events.

Register here: [https://bham-ac-](https://bham-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkdeyupz8uEtNkg6AeYcUIgC-n_pStu_2d#/registration)

[uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkdeyupz8uEtNkg6AeYcUIgC-n_pStu_2d#/registration](https://bham-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkdeyupz8uEtNkg6AeYcUIgC-n_pStu_2d#/registration)

Our last online seminar on 20th November 2024 on When is tree protection not tree protection.

Tony Kirkham will take the Chair with a great line up of speakers to explore the issues and propose alternative solutions.

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TDAG PAST EVENTS

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

TDAG PUBLICATIONS

First Steps in Urban Tree Canopy cover

The first part of this two-part series has now been published and is free to download.

See: <https://www.tdag.org.uk/first-steps-in-urban-tree-canopy-cover.html>

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>

Treeconomics winter webinars

31st October on Community engagement in the urban forest - getting it right.

During this webinar, we will be looking at community engagement within the urban forest. What is good practice? What mistakes should we avoid?

Register for free: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8724091944515550560>

National Tree Officers Conference

6th November, Leeds

Developed by tree officers for tree officers, National Tree Officers Conference 2024 will be a unique gathering for professionals interested in all areas of local authority arboriculture. The

conference is crucial to tree, woodland and planning officers, providing a significant platform for collaboration, partnerships, benchmarking and offering an insight into current best practice and research.
See: <https://www.charteredforesters.org/event/national-tree-officers-conference-2024>

Biophilic Design Conference

12th November, London

An exploratory day on the benefits of biophilic design for people and planet where we can all come together from design, construction, planning, government, think tanks, associations, healthcare, education, urban design, policy, media – with a party in the evening in the conservatory.

See: <https://journalofbiophilicdesign.com/biophilic-design-conference>

TCPA Annual Conference 2024

26th November 2024, London

The conference will focus on Tackling the housing, health, climate and nature crises – the role of planning and placemaking.

Please click here to book your place: [The TCPA Annual Conference 2024: Tackling the housing, health, climate and nature crises - the role of planning and placemaking - Town and Country Planning Association](#)

SOME CURRENT TDAG ACTIVITIES

National House Building Council (NHBC)

We are working with the NHBC Foundation with a view to updating NHBC Standards Chapter 4.2 (<https://www.nhbc.co.uk/builders/products-and-services/techzone/nhbc-standards>)

Guide for Community Group Tree Planting with the National Trust for the Urban Forest Accelerator

This is a partnership project between the National Trust, Woodland Trust, and Community Forest Trust. It is designed to respond to local councils and communal needs, by improving urban green-space through the encouragement of tree planting, communications, and community engagement.

Consultation responses

NPPF: TDAG submitted a short consultation response. See <https://www.tdag.org.uk/resources.html> and scroll down

NJUG 4: TDAG was asked to comment and has done so.

BS 5837: The consultation closed on 16th October. There is not current date fixed for the publication of the final document.

NEW PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION

With thanks to the Natural Cambridge Partnership, TCPA, GIP and others

Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) – focusing on biodiversity

The Institute has just launched phase one of *The Nature of Building: Biodiversity and the Built Environment*. Part 1 (out now) includes expert interviews and partner content from Atkins Realis, Nature Space, Morgan Sindall, CIOB, ICE, and National Infrastructure Commission as well as a case study from Tower Hamlets. Part 2 will include more content and is due out around 18 November.

The series is live at <https://thenatureofbuilding.ciob.org/> and the trailer has been posted across CIOB's [LinkedIn](#) | [YouTube](#) | [Facebook](#), so please feel free to take a look, engage and help spread the word!

Climate risk and vulnerability

A Great Futurebuild Newsletter by Emma Ferranti and the WM-Air Team at the University of Birmingham

You can see it here:

view.global.easyfairs.com/?qs=dc43cd7d7b90fcf5637217bd28196ad471eca95b4e02eb0680a6fcf041a2827e26ba98aa00e58905f2bb728c19e7a06483804c04eb773eda30fb57eea131ad4565667b1b53f54655f738df6f38478b19

Natural England action plan

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/natural-england-action-plan-2024-to-2025/natural-england-action-plan-2024-to-2025>

Natural England – Greener Towns and Cities (GI Framework and additional tools) Greener Towns and Cities Webinar (youtube.com)

See under events by others for further webinars looking at tools in more detail.

Natural England – State of Natural Capital Report for England 2024

Society and the economy face significant risks because of the state of England's natural capital.

Read the report here: <https://naturalengland.blog.gov.uk/2024/10/09/state-of-natural-capital-report-for-england-published-today/>

Mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain in England: A guide

<https://www.iema.net/articles/guide-explains-new-rules-on-mandatory-bng-for-developments-in-england>

Stop Burning Trees Coalition

Beyond Drax: A real green future for Yorkshire and the Humber!

Report and details are here: <https://stopburningtrees.org/>

Green Infrastructure Resource Library, Green Infrastructure Partnership

The term 'green infrastructure' is used to refer network of natural features that deliver benefits for people in urban and rural areas. The Green Infrastructure Resource Library is a long-standing database of documents, case studies, videos, tools and other information about green infrastructure and its benefits, created for the Green Infrastructure Partnership by specialist Ingo Schüder.

See: <https://gipartnership.org.uk/gi-resource-library/#:~:text=The%20Green%20Infrastructure%20Resource%20Library,It%20is%20free%20to%20use>

Trees and land absorbed almost no CO2 last year. Is nature's carbon sink failing?

The sudden collapse of carbon sinks was not factored into climate models – and could rapidly accelerate global heating

See: https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2024/oct/14/nature-carbon-sink-collapse-global-heating-models-emissions-targets-evidence-aoe?CMP=oth_b-aplnews_d-5

What happens to the world if forests stop absorbing CO2? Ask Finland

See: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2024/oct/15/finland-emissions-target-forests-peatlands-sinks-absorbing-carbon-aoe>

RESEARCH

Forestry Facts and Figures 2024, Forest Research

<https://cdn.forestresearch.gov.uk/2024/09/FFF2024-2-WEB.pdf>

Spruce tree planting ban

<https://bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cdd4nrlv0j5o>

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