

Keeping
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Keeping it Wild Collective Sharing Spaces



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What is the Collective?

The Keeping it Wild Collective is London Wildlife Trust's programme of events and opportunities, designed by young people for young people!

The Collective aims to bring together young Londoners aged 16-30 to gain skills, connections and support to work together to take action for nature and people in their neighbourhood and across the city.

The Collective hosts regular free workshops at our nature reserves and online, on a range of themes from practical conservation to creative activities and career support. You don't have to be a nature expert to take part; the aim of the Collective is to bring together people with different backgrounds, skills and passions—because nature recovery needs all of us!

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What are Sharing Spaces?

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Sharing Spaces are workshops led by members of the Collective, for the Collective.

Whether you've run a nature-based workshop before or you're just starting out, this is your chance to step up, share your ideas, and lead something inspiring.

We're here to help you make it happen — with mentorship every step of the way to help you feel confident, plus we'll handle all the behind-the-scenes organising (think free lunch for everyone and spreading the word about your event!).

To apply for Sharing Spaces you must be aged 16-30 and have been to at least one Collective event.



What we offer

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Use of LWT reserve / indoor classroom space for your workshop

- Camley Street Natural Park, Woodberry Wetlands, Walthamstow Wetlands, Centre for Wildlife Gardening, Grosvenor Square

Support from LWT staff throughout planning and delivery of your workshop

First-aider and mental health first-aider present during your workshop

Marketing and ticket sales managed by LWT

Free catering provided for all attendees

£100 payment to cover planning, session delivery, and travel (£200 for up to 3 facilitators working together)

£50 workshop materials budget



Workshop aims

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During the workshop people learn a nature-based skill.
E.g. practical conservation skills, tool use, ID skills,
activism/campaigning, creative skills.

Post-workshop impact:

- Activities improve nature during workshop (e.g. creating habitat)
- or people gain skills to improve nature in their neighbourhood (e.g. understand how to plant pollinator friendly flowers, gain campaigning skills to take action for nature, learn a craft that connects them to local nature).
- Skills can be easily taught to friends/family
- People feel more confident to visit more green spaces.



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Activities are accessible.

Anyone at any level of knowledge / experience in nature can get involved.

Activities encourage people to talk to each other, build connections, share ideas and learn from each other.

People connect to nature - using the 5 pathways to nature connection.

We are especially keen to platform workshop leaders whose lived experience has historically been excluded from the environmental sector.



London Wildlife Trust's values

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Integrity

We take actions and decisions for nature that are open, transparent, and evidence based. In doing so we will respect the environment, nature, and people as an essential part of the city with a right to thrive

Empower

We believe everyone has the right to connect with and benefit from freely accessible natural spaces and a high-quality natural environment in their neighbourhood. All Londoners should feel empowered to take pride in and take action towards recovering nature in their city

Passion

We are passionate about nature in London and people's relationship with wildlife. We are prepared to challenge policies and practices that lead to the deterioration of the natural environment.

Respect

We act with respect for nature, respect for people, and respect for diversity. We work collaboratively to champion inclusion and diversity within our communities to recover London's nature.

[Read our 2030 strategy here](#)



Example workshop

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Session Plan: Connecting to Nature in Winter

Date/time: Saturday, 12-3pm (3 hours)

Location: Camley Street Natural Park

Expected number of attendees: 15-20

- Guided walk around reserve learning how to ID 5 key tree species
- Indoor craft session: creating seasonal calendars with collage and drawing
 - All activities led by LWT trainees

Workshop outcomes

Learn how to identify local tree through winter tree ID and folklore connection

Create seasonal calendars, connecting to nature through craft

Materials

Pens/paper/glue/scissors

Old magazines for collage

Winter tree ID guides



Example workshop

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Session Plan: Bird Walk & Bird-Box Making

Date/time: Sunday, 12-3pm (3 hours)

Location: Sydenham Hill & Dulwich Woods

Expected number of attendees: 15-20

- Guided bird walk around woods - led by young birder
- Build bird boxes and decorate - led by LWT staff

Workshop outcomes

Learn how to identify local bird species.

Micro-volunteering - creating bird boxes for woods

Materials

Binoculars

Bird ID guides

Bird box kits and tools



Example workshop

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Session Plan: Creative Campaigning for Climate Action

Date/time: Friday 6pm-8pm (2 hours)

Location: Woodberry Wetlands

Expected number of attendees: 20-30

- Talk on creative campaigning
- Group activities to build a creative campaign for
 - climate action in local area
 - Workshop led by young campaigners

Workshop outcomes

Develop skills to create campaigns to protect nature in their neighbourhood

Connect with young campaigners

Materials

Power point

presentation

Paper/pens/post-its

