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Dear Colleagues,

Chris Packham's Famous Fold Out Chart Collection goes Viral

It's not a Field Studies Council urban myth. Chris Packham really does have an entire collection of our fold out charts. They are all neatly catalogued and stored in the boot of his car. In this [really enthusiastic social media clip](#), Chris kindly does us proud by showcasing the range and quality of the charts old and new. It's particularly gratifying to have the collection described as his "most prized". The marketing team have been involved in some behind the scenes discussions, so we are really pleased with the result. Please like and share the clip.

IIP Survey Reminder

Our IIP Consultant advised that as of yesterday 202 members of staff have responded so far. That's just over 60% of the workforce which at this point is good, but we really do want to hear from everyone. The closing date is midnight on 9th October 2023. Line managers are asked to facilitate engagement with their team members by providing access to laptops/computers where necessary. The link to the survey can be found [here](#).

Successful Webinar delivered for the Council of British International Schools (COBIS)

Some of you may have seen from board papers and the Ten Year Plan that we are keen to grow our international business. Thank you Robyn Landy for stepping in at the last minute to deliver the COBIS webinar 'Delivering Meaningful Fieldwork'. You can find the recording [here](#). There were 102 registrations and 26 attendees. All registrants received a copy of the recording via email. In their feedback survey, 100% rated the webinar as 'excellent' or 'good' and 90% would recommend the webinar to a colleague. Well done to all of you who were involved in setting up and delivering such a well-received event.

Dormant Assets Scheme

I've mentioned the Dormant Assets Scheme in previous catch ups. It's expected to release £350 million for England over the next few years from dormant bank accounts. After a public consultation, one of the four main causes to be supported will be a focus on meeting the needs of young people. The government has [just announced](#) that the funding will be equally split between those four causes. That means a potential £87.5 million for young people's services, facilities and opportunities. We will be keeping a close eye on any emerging funding possibilities, along with our partners.

Green skills in employment and education

'Green skills' is an oft-used phrase but research has found that public understanding of green skills is low and that different industries have different standards and certification systems which are not always compatible. A broad definition is that "green skills are the capabilities required in role tackling environment challenges" so it's an area of key interest for this charity. The Independent Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST) has therefore started a [research project](#) into this area, it's challenges, opportunities and where the skills gaps are that need to be filled. This should help inform our offers to customers.

Welcome to Field Studies Council

Joanne Vere has joined Epping Forest as the Day Centre Manager

Lucy Killen has joined Rhyd-y-creuau as a Casual Hospitality and Catering Assistant

Jeanette Williams has joined Blencathra as a Hospitality and Catering Assistant

Stephen Truman has returned to Blencathra as a Casual Hospitality and Catering Assistant

Congratulations to Rosie Molton who has been appointed to the role of Regional Senior Tutor Coordinator this week. She will be working with Mike Etherington to assist him and the team of Regional Senior Tutors to be as efficient and effective as possible.

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