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Dear Colleagues,

Green Fund 2024 launches

Applications for 2024 Green Fund are now open. Green Fund supports projects developed and delivered by Field Studies Council staff at our locations and focuses on engaging staff and visitors alike to help us become more sustainable, reduce our carbon emissions, support nature recovery and boost biodiversity.

Further details, including how to apply can be found here: [Green Fund 2024 guidelines.docx](#).

Sustainability Manager Sam Thurston is available to discuss potential project ideas, along with your centre's Sustainability Coordinator who will lead on developing projects and applications, with support from their staff team. The deadline for applications is 5pm on 31st January 2024.



Last year's Green Fund projects are already in full swing. Thanks to the hard work of Slapton staff, including Fiona Adie, their refurbished compost loo is now complete. It has been fully refurbished with local sustainable chestnut wood and a beautiful mosaic. (Photos Finley Dennison).

Staff helped out with the build and created the mosaic as part of Field Studies Council 80th birthday celebrations. Visitors and guests will be encouraged to use the loo along with messages about saving water.

Biodiversity Team

The Biodiversity team has published a useful [summary of operational plans for 2024](#). The focus is in-person courses at Field Studies Council's centres, but useful for everyone who has the opportunity to tell customers and partners about this part of our charity's work.

Learners consistently rate courses as excellent and they have earned the high net promoter score of 58. In just 12 months, 50+ organisations have commissioned bespoke training online and in venues across the UK. Independent market research shows huge unmet demand for biodiversity courses so the team has lots to do. Please do support them and pass contacts and ideas to biodiversity@field-studies-council.org

Special Mention

Field Studies Council is a signatory of the Military Covenant and to mark Remembrance Day this weekend, we asked some of our veterans if they would like to share what it means to them.

Amanda Gisby: Remembrance is a time that unites people of all backgrounds and faiths. A time to reflect upon the sacrifices so many have made for our freedoms today. For me this is a time where I remember my fallen colleagues and the impact our actions have had on the world around us. I pay my respects to those who are still affected by the trauma caused by warfare around the world, and I pray for a peaceful united future for all.

We will remember them, *Certa Cito*. 14th Signal Regt EW, Amanda Gisby, 2004-2014, Iraq, Afghanistan.

Gus Goodwin: Remembrance Day is incredibly important to me. It is the one day where we as a community can come together to remind ourselves of the hardships and loss that others have gone through to allow us the freedoms that we enjoy so much today. It's also a time, personally for me, to remember absent colleagues and friends and those that survived conflict or war, and for whom life is a constant daily struggle. Gus Goodwin RAF 1982 to 2005 – Bosnia and Gulf Wars.

Welcome to Field Studies Council

Peter Harvey joined Blencathra as a Casual General Assistant

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