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Dear Colleagues

Remember a Charity Week, 8th-14th September

We will be part of this [national campaign](#) which encourages everyone to think about how they'd like to be remembered, and to consider leaving a gift to charity in their will alongside family and friends. More information, some uplifting stories and thank yous will be going out on our socials and you can read [Alan's Story](#) here, a long time supporter of this charity who has kindly remembered us in his will. Our legacy pages have also been updated and you can [see them here](#).

Slapton's Annual Research Seminar

Slapton wish to invite you to their annual seminar, taking place on Saturday 15th November, 10am-4pm. It is a great opportunity to visit the centre, learn more about wildlife and environmental matters and interact with a range of environmental organisations, charities and individuals. It is free to attend and includes a delicious lunch spread and refreshments.

We appreciate the centre is some distance away from most of you, so for the first time we are also offering a weekend B&B package. You're welcome to explore the centre and our area further, staying from Friday 14th until Sunday 16th, with breakfast and hopefully a guided walk of the National Nature Reserve included. The whole weekend will come at a cost of just £40 pp but is free for trainee tutors and trustees. For more information, please do get in touch with Em e.kendall@field-studies-council.org

Pulse survey will be coming out next week

There will be no Catch Up next week but instead you will receive an email from the HR team inviting you to complete our bi-annual **Staff Pulse Survey**. The survey is very brief and should take **less than one minute** to complete. It will be open from **Thursday 11 September 2025** until **midnight on Sunday 28 September 2025**. I encourage everyone to take part.

For new colleagues, the Pulse Survey runs twice a year and is separate from the Investors in People (IIP) Survey, which we carry out in October. As with any pulse check, this is a quick snapshot and an opportunity to gauge how we're doing. It is similar to how organisations measure whether people would recommend a product or service. In our case, it helps us to understand how likely staff are to recommend Field Studies Council as a place to work. Over time, your responses help us to track trends and identify areas for improvement. The Pulse and IIP surveys are deliberately different, but together they provide a fuller picture of staff experience, and both are valuable and informative.

Special Mention

The team at Flatford Mill have received some excellent customer feedback on the recent [mixed media arts course](#) taught by Associate Tutor Steve Joyce. The full email is a little too long to include here, but has lots of praise for the people and the place - Di's "first class" meet and greet skills, Claire's star turn in looking after guests and the "fabulous food" by Matthew and his team. The customers admitted to feeling a little 'giddy' and really enjoyed their stay with us, making their 6 hour train journey worthwhile. "This was a truly immersive and addictive memory making experience which will stay with us for a long time. Thank you all so much for helping to make this super special." Well done everyone.

Welcome to Field Studies Council:

Alyssa Osben has joined the team at Juniper Hall as Trainee Tutor

Matt Brierley has joined the team at Epping Forest as Tutor

Also this week:

Anna Parnum has been promoted to the role of Tutor at Nettlecombe Court

Nicola Keightley has been promoted to the role of Senior Tutor at Juniper Hall

Will Higgins has been promoted to the role of Senior Tutor (Team Leader) at Juniper Hall.

Best regards

Mark