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Dear Colleagues,

### **Press and Policy Work**

We have been ramping up our media and policy work this month in the expectation of some key policy announcements this autumn.

The Access Unlimited Coalition partners who delivered Generation Green 1 and 2 have continued to work together. All CEO's signed an [open letter](#) to the government in the light of the many positive impacts highlighted in an [evaluation](#) of GG2 by the University of Derby which has gained some media traction.

Access Unlimited also provided a joint response to an Inquiry by the relatively new [All Party Parliamentary Group](#) for Outdoor Recreation and Access to Nature. We are really pleased that the resulting report [Outdoors For All: Recommendations for Government](#) on Access to Nature contains a specific recommendation to *Establish a requirement for all children and young people to experience at least one residential outdoor experience, linked to curriculum outcomes at KS2, using Pupil Premium to ensure inclusion for all.*

An in-print and longer online article [in the House Magazine](#), a targeted publication for and by politicians was also good opportunity to get in touch with all of the MPs with centres in their constituency. Our persistence does pay off as recent visits have shown.

### **'Stooshie' in the Scottish Parliament**

Some of you may remember that a bill to guarantee an outdoor learning residential for all school children got cross party support to proceed to the second stage which was to allow in depth scrutiny of the costs. However, the minority SNP government are being accused of preventing this from happening by failing to table a resolution to allow MSPs to proceed with discussions. This appears to be the first time in the devolved parliament's history that this tactic to strike down a bill has been used. Cue: some very angry MSPs. Costs are of course a huge consideration which is why they wanted further discussions, and these might have at least yielded something to increase opportunities. Unless a way forward is found the clock runs out on this bill at the end of the week, but ministers will have a fight on their hands.

### **Agroforestry Event**

Emma Wood from the Biodiversity Team attended the first ever UK Agroforestry Show organised by the Soil Association and the Woodland Trust. The event centred around [Woodland Condition Assessments](#) - something for which we run courses and produce guides. Emma took part in a panel talk 'How to assess farm woodland condition' and then a walk and workshop that was a practical demonstration of how to carry one out using the app and resources. Here's Emma with our stand where fellow exhibitor the Sylva Foundation had a TV to make an interactive demo of the Woodland Condition Assessment app



### **Pulse survey final reminder**

Please don't forget to fill in the very short survey, which will remain open until midnight on Sunday 28 September.

### **Special Mention**

Congratulations to Health & Safety Manager, Luis Monteiro on achieving Chartered status (CMIOSH). In addition to providing much valued support and advice for colleagues Luis has completed significant professional development, much of which in his own time, providing a portfolio of evidence, completing an assessment and interview. CMIOSH status is a fabulous achievement, highly regarded within the health and safety profession, the hallmark of professional excellence.

### **Welcome to Field Studies Council**

There are no new starters this week, but we have a promotion to celebrate. Lizzie Meadows has been promoted to the role of Senior Tutor at Preston Montford.

Best regards

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