Hello everyone

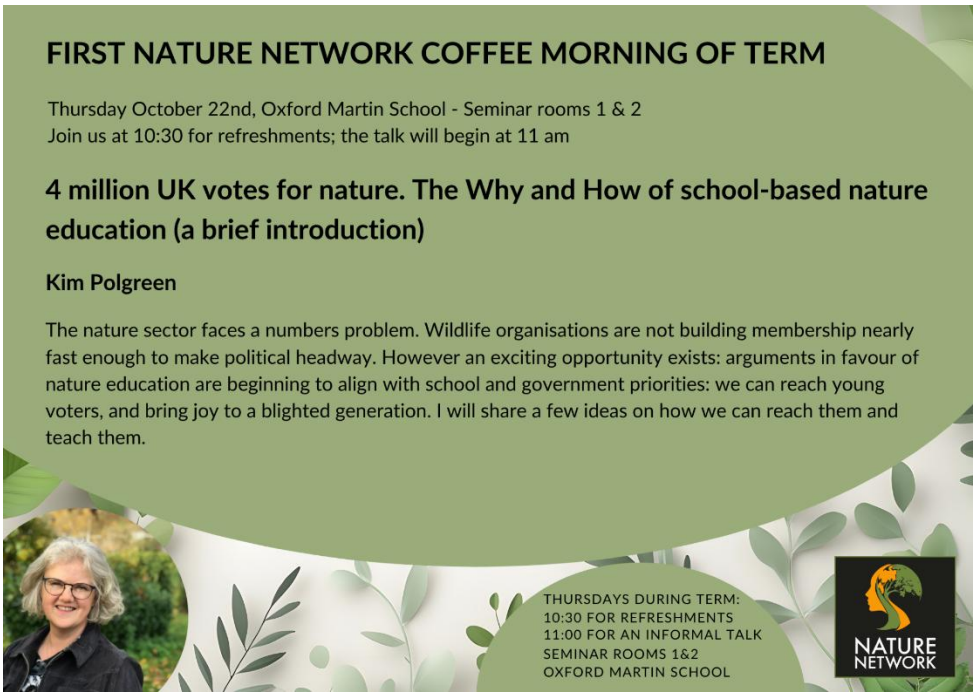
Our regular **Thursday Nature Network** events kick off again **THIS THURSDAY** October 22nd. More info here. Do join us each Thursday morning from 10.30 for refreshments (and pastries), and from 11 am a University (or visiting) researcher will share their research with us in a short, informal talk and discussion.

Our first talk will be from Kim Polgreen: **4 million UK votes for nature. The Why and How of school-based nature education (a brief introduction).** More info here

Our regular **Friday Nature Series** talks start **THIS FRIDAY**, 23rd October, with a talk from Dr Deborah Brady on the return of lynx to England. More info here. All of these talks are online and in person, followed by a drinks reception, and everyone is welcome. Booking is recommended. If you miss any, we upload them to our YouTube here

If you would like to be featured on the **Nature Network website** (and to find out more about the Network), please let me have a photo and your details here





I've compiled a list of Nature-related events happening across the University in the coming weeks

Other talks

Friday, 23 October 2026, 4.15pm to 5.30pm

Format: Hybrid | Audience: Other
The Missing Lynx Project: the return of lynx to England?
Talk by Dr Deborah Brady, Director of Nature Restoration, The Lifescape Project
Department: Environmental Change Institute (Unit)
Speaker: Dr Deborah Brady (The Lifescape Project)
Venue: Dyson Perrins Building - Lecture Theatre

More info and to register: https://bookwhen.com/oxfordbiodiversitynetwork

Monday, 26 October 2026, 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Format: Hybrid| Audience: Public

'Are healthier diets always better for the environment?' with Dr Yuanchao Hu | Oxford Martin School

This lecture is being delivered by Dr Yuanchao Hu, who is currently a visiting fellow with Dr Joseph Poore's HESTIA group based in Biology and the OMS.

Venue: Oxford Martin School

Friday, 30 October 2026, 4.15pm to 5.30pm

Format: Hybrid | Audience: Other
Ecosystems, governance and society in unstable times
Talk by Prof Phoebe Barnard, Affiliate full Professor, University of Washington
Department: Environmental Change Institute (Unit)
Speaker: Prof Phoebe Barnard (University of Washington)
Venue: Dyson Perrins Building - Main lecture theatre

More info and to register: https://bookwhen.com/oxfordbiodiversitynetwork

Friday, 6 November 2026, 1pm to 2pm

Format: Hybrid | Audience: Other
Gardens Count: Building the Evidence for Nature, Climate and Health
Talk by Clare Matterson, Alistair Griffiths and George Hudson, Royal Horticultural Society
Department: Environmental Change Institute (Unit)
Speaker(s): Clare Matterson CBE, Director General (Royal Horticultural Society), Alistair Griffiths, Director of Science and Collections (Royal Horticultural Society), George Hudson, Senior Policy and Public Affairs

Manager Royal Horticultural Society (Royal Horticultural Society)
Venue: Oxford Martin School
Download to your calendar

Other opportunities

Vacancy

Oxford Lifelong Learning is recruiting a **Project Manager for the Oxford Living Lab for Environmental Sustainability** – please share through any relevant channels and networks.

See:
https://my.corehr.com/pls/uoxrecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.display_form?p_company=10&p_internal_external=E&p_display_in_irish=N&p_process_type=&p_applicant_no=&p_form_profile_detail=&p_display_apply_ind=Y&p_refresh_search=Y&p_recruitment_id=189195 and attached.

This new role will be based at Oxford Lifelong Learning and support the Research and Education workstreams of Oxford's Environmental Sustainability Strategy. This is a 2-year, full-time, grade 7 role and the deadline for applications is 12 noon on 1 November 2026.

About the role

The role will develop and deliver 'living laboratory' approaches to applied research and project-based learning to advance the University's Environmental Sustainability Strategy. The initiative is at an early stage and the post-holder will have overall responsibility for implementing and evaluating the developing programme. The post-holder will also be responsible for managing the research and education challenges and small grants associated with the Living Lab.

About you

You should hold a relevant PhD/DPhil (or be near completion) and possess sufficient specialist knowledge in environmental sustainability. Candidates should demonstrate previous experience with project management and the ability to use initiative to plan and organise complex activities and programmes. While not required, experience with multi-stakeholder projects at the University of Oxford and living laboratory approaches to research and learning are preferred.

Vacancy

RGB Kew is recruiting a Research Leader in Landscape Ecology & Ecosystem Science.

The role is based at Kew-Wakehurst, where we use the site's diverse and multifunctional ecosystems and partnerships to undertake research on the contribution and value of national biodiversity to the UK. Closing date is November 1.

RESEARCH LEADER - LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY AND ECOSYSTEM SCIENCE at Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew in Haywards Heath, UNITED KINGDOM

Research Leader - Landscape Ecology and Ecosystem Science at Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

Vacancy

Opportunity at Natural England. We have an interesting short-term opportunity within Natural England's Science, Evidence, Digital Directorate for a **Senior Officer – Evidence Quality Assurance Discovery**.

The role will support the development of Natural England's approach to Evidence Quality Assurance, including mapping current assurance standards and processes, identifying gaps and opportunities for improvement, and developing practical recommendations for a clearer and more consistent approach. This is a high-profile area of work with organisation-wide relevance.

Interested individuals should send a **CV and a supporting statement of no more than 500 words**, outlining their relevant skills and experience, to jane.eccles@naturalengland.org.uk

Please note if applicants are successful, they will need to supply the following information.

- Two references: name, address, email, and telephone number
- Full name (inc. preferred name)
- Address
- Date of birth
- National Insurance Number
- Nationality
- Email address
- Phone number
- Right to work in the UK
- Whether they will be Full or Part Time, and what hours they plan to do each day.
- Previous NE staff number (if applicable)

Practical Field Experience for Biologists, Zoologists, Environmental Scientists, Geographers, Conservationists & Marine Biologists

Tuesday the 3rd of November - 5pm The Annexe, Oxford University Museum of Natural History

Since 1995, Operation Wallacea (Opwall) has been connecting universities, academics, and students with real-world conservation projects across the globe, delivering both scientific impact and transformative educational experiences. Over 30 years, we've run biodiversity research expeditions at sites ranging from dense jungles and European grasslands to coral reefs and Mediterranean seagrass meadows.

Our network of over 200 academics develop and lead cutting-edge research projects that inform local conservation strategies, giving students hands-on experience in real biodiversity research. By joining our field surveys, students gain broad experience as research assistants or collect data for their own independent projects, all while contributing to long-term ecological monitoring that has produced over 700 peer-reviewed papers, including publications in high-impact journals like Nature and PNAS.

Training session - media

Wednesday, 17th February 2027

FREE Introduction to the News Media London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (Keppel St, London WC1E 7HT) from 1pm until 5pm followed by a networking/drinks reception until 6pm.

Introduction to the News Media is an event organised and run by the Science Media Centre. Its aim is to inform scientists and engineers about how the news media works and make the case for why experts should engage with journalists on their area of expertise. There will be:

· A talk from a press officer from the SMC, with clear examples of how researchers can engage with the media to improve the quality of science news reporting

· A talk from an LSHTM press officer to explain the role of an institutional press office and what support is available to experts when interacting with journalists

· A rare opportunity to listen to and question a panel of national news science journalists about the way they report science, what they need from you and how to engage with them to get the most accurate coverage

· A panel of scientists/engineers who have dipped their toe in the choppy media waters and lived to tell the tale - giving you the good, the bad and the ugly of their experiences

It's a hugely informative, entertaining and popular afternoon. **And it's FREE**.

Is it for you?

These free events are designed specifically for scientists and engineers with little or no media experience. They are fascinating in themselves, but the greatest benefit will be for experts who work on issues likely to be in the news but who might be media shy, feel negatively about engaging with journalists or downright scared about getting it wrong. We welcome scientists and engineers in academia or industry, postdoctoral level (or professional equivalent) and above, from any relevant institution.

Register your interest

If you wish to attend, please fill in the form here.

Places are limited and we're looking for scientists and engineers at least some way into their research careers, so we can't generally allocate places to students.

For any further queries, please email introduction@sciencemediacentre.org.

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If **you** or your **group** would like to appear on the Nature Network website, please fill in a few details here