

Meeting Summary for NHP AGM

Mar 10, 2025

Quick recap

The group discussed their recent experiences with nature and Health and the structure and purpose of the Nature Health Practitioners (NHP) network, including its steering group, special interest groups (SIGs), and quality assurance processes. The meeting also covered the budget for the upcoming year, the election of steering group members. . Lastly, the meeting outlined the meeting structure for various groups within the network and encouraged attendees to get involved in different capacities or roles join the steering group etc.

Next steps

Michael Connors to seek an administrator to help with emailing and organizing meetings.
Michael Connors to update the NHP website and find an affordable website developer who can work with Wix.

Steering group to explore fundraising options to raise £4,000 for the network's sustainability.

Helen Wood to finalize and circulate the date for the Nature and Health event during the Festival of Nature (likely June 10th or 12th).

Steering group to continue discussions on how NHP fits within the regional ecosystem of the West of England.

Michael Connors to explore potential affiliations with the Nature Connection Network and Green Care Alliance.

Steering group to seek a PhD student or project manager to help expand and evaluate the use of the quality assurance tool.

Kelly to organize the first VCSE special interest group meeting around April 15th.

Summary

Nature Health Practitioners Network Updates

The meeting covers the structure and purpose of the Nature Health Practitioners (NHP) network, including its steering group, special interest groups (SIGs), and quality assurance processes. The network aims to support nature-based health practitioners in the West of England through learning, connecting, and sharing. Updates are provided on the three SIGs: Nature in Statutory Practice and Allies (NISPA), Children and Young People, and the newly formed Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) group. The meeting also discusses the development of a quality guidance framework and peer-to-peer assurance tool for practitioners.

Budget and S

The meeting focused on the budget for the upcoming year. The budget is intended to cover administrative costs, including email management and meeting organization. The group is considering fundraising to increase the budget.

Steering Group Election

The meeting also discussed the election of steering group members, with Helen, John, and Barbara being re-elected. The group is open to new members, and Helen emphasized the importance of inclusivity and really encouraging anyone to join.

Officer Election

Micheal Connors was re elected as director.

Regional Nature and Health Initiative

Helen discusses plans for a regional engagement initiative on nature and health, supported by the West England Combined Authority. The Festival of Nature in June will feature events focused on this theme, including a leadership roundtable and a larger gathering of providers and practitioners. The exact date is still being finalized but will likely be June 10th. Michéal mentioned upcoming network activities, including fundraising, website updates, expanding the use of the quality assurance tool, and exploring how the network fits within the regional ecosystem. The meeting structure for various groups within the network is outlined, and attendees are encouraged to get involved in different capacities.