



Greater Manchester's Nature for Health Steering Group

Meeting number: 4.
Date: Thursday 29th February 2024
Time: 13:30-15:30

Present:

	Initials for minutes	Organisation
Aimee Lawless	(AL)	City of Trees
Carolyn Leach	(CL)	Manchester Mind
George Coombs	(GC)	Natural England
Jessica Thompson	(JT)	City of Trees
Jon Myint	(JM)	GM Integrated Care Partnership
Lauren Urquhart	(LU)	City of Trees
Michaela Howell	(MH)	Groundwork GM
Rhoda Wilkinson	(RW)	Lancashire Wildlife Trust
Ruth Crawford	(RC)	The Conservation Volunteers
Samuel Evans	(SE)	Greater Manchester Combined Authority
Silvana Devine	(SD)	Petrus
Tara Kinsella	(TK)	Manchester Mind

Apologies:

Bruce Poole	(BP)	Salford CVS
Charlotte Leonhardsen	(CL)	GM Integrated Care Partnership
Francine Hayforn	(FH)	The Whitworth, University of Manchester
Kerry Garner	(KG)	Royal Horticultural Society
Chloe Orford-Desmond	(COD)	Lancashire Wildlife Trust
Jon Ross	(JR)	Sow the City
Kieron McGlasson	(KM)	Sow the City
Rachel Bennion	(RB)	Petrus
Sam Alford	(SA)	GM Integrated Care Partnership

Action and Decision log

Agenda item	Detail
<p>Actions from previous SG meeting (January 2024).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL: Identify GSP service users/champions to invite along ad- hoc or otherwise to SG. Add to agenda for April meeting to ensure this is done in a 'non tokenistic' way. Ongoing • ACTION (JM): JM to review points workshopped in the meeting and pull together a proposed plan for the funding bid and circulate so it can be commented on prior to bid. Suggest interim dates for extra meetings as required to help with bid. Stalled due to decision being made on availability of the funding on the 08.03.24 • ACTION (BP): BP to give an update on GSP contracts through GPs at the next steering group meeting (29.02.24) BP unable to attend, LU going to ask for update via email from BP
Updates	
<p>Funding opportunities/ updates (JM)</p>	<p>Update: New funding opportunity for NfH come through a Shared Outcome Fund (SOF) has been stalled. Decision on the funding will be made by 08.03.24</p> <p>GC provided information on 'People's Health Trust- Nature for Health funding'. Information can be found at the bottom of this document*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION (JM & SE) Send out letter of support for SOF funding and get cosigned by influential senior leadership. • ACTION (JM & SE) JM provide summary of joint investment fund come through GM NHS or invite someone who can talk through it to next meeting. JM & SE to map out how the funding is linked. • ACTION (Everyone/ LU) Circulate 'People's Health Trust- Nature for Health funding' information to organisations with income less than 1 million in network. LU put on teams channel aswell.
<p>TCV Trafford Health in Nature project (RC)</p>	<p>Update: Presentation presented buy RC provided in email along with this document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION (RC) Send over an infographic summarising the work when available.
<p>GM Moving Conference (RC & AL)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION (Everyone/ AL) If you are attending the GM Moving Conference please take information and signage about the NfH network. AL to send around comms pack for this prior to event on 25th March. • ACTION (GC) Talk to Kelly from GM walking at upcoming workshop to see how we can work together on physical and mental health within NfH.
<p>Communications (AL/ LU)</p>	<p>Update: Only 8 responses received for the NfH network survey. Releasing again on the March 2024 newsletter. Looking to re-energise network into using NfH branding, will utilise Mental Health Awareness week 13th-19th May.</p>

	<p>Decision: Create a skills sharing event for September for NfH network to reinvigorate. Half day event, potentially at Clayton Vale. Discuss more in next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION (AL/ LU) Via email create a call to action for NfH to utilise website, newsletter and hashtags. Provide comms materials for network uses to revitalise. • ACTION (GC & AL) Link in Rebecca Taylor who is the external comms coordinator for Natural England. • ACTION (Everyone) Please provide content for the website, including case studies, training and funding opportunities.
<p>AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION (GC): GC to let network know about Oliver Harmer’s visit to GM once agenda has been drafted. Potential for NfH to be showcased during the visit. • ACTION (JM & JT) Regroup the data subgroup of NfH to help with future bids

Next meeting date: 25th April 2024 10.30 - 12.30

Information to disseminate

[New Fund Launched to Promote Mental Health through Nature \(England, Scotland and Wales\)](#)

Local community organisations in specific areas in England, Scotland, and Wales can apply for grants of between £20,000 and £40,000 for nature based projects that enhance the mental health of people who experience socio-economic disadvantage, discrimination and marginalisation. The funding is being provided through the Peoples Health Trust’s new Nature for Health grants programme has been launched in response to the growing recognition of the positive impact of nature on mental and physical health, the grant seeks to address health inequalities and promote the wellbeing and mental resilience of individuals and communities. The closing date for stage 1 applications is 1pm on the 20th March 2024. Applicants successful at this stage will have until 1pm on the 1st May 2024.

All organisations applying must have the following criteria: An annual income up to £1 million in the most recent annual accounts, or on average over the last three years and be a voluntary sector (non-profit) organisation that are constituted or registered in Great Britain. For further funding stipulations please see guidance here: [Application guidance - Nature for Health | People's Health Trust \(peopleshealthtrust.org.uk\)](#)