



Climate Justice – An Introduction

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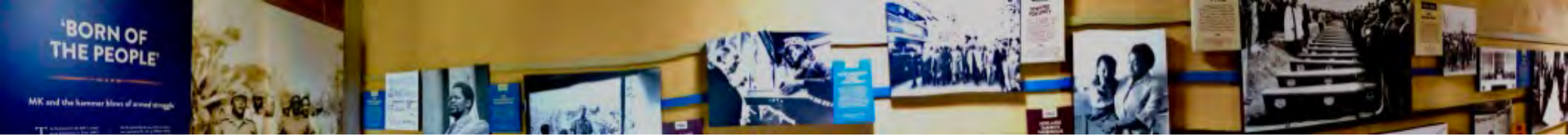
Sustainability depends on:

*The Relationship of
People to Nature*

*The Relationship of
People to Each Other*

**Climate justice challenges
us to recognise that:**

**Affected communities
should set the agenda**



People have agency

Care Share and Dare to Co-create our Future

“ People are the ultimate force for change.

**We need to put into place a culture of caring and sharing
and dare to negotiate the context for inclusive
participation**

**Government, organisations, community groups, and individuals can
work together across different sectors and at different levels using their
knowledge, skills and passion to shape our future.” *Judy Ling Wong CBE***





The Lived Experience

“Intersectionality is simply about how certain aspects of who you are will increase your access to the good things or your exposure to the bad things in life.” *Kimberle Crenshaw*

“Who we are and what we can achieve depends on how we see ourselves against the enormous pressure of how others see us.” *Judy Ling Wong CBE*



A New and Momentous Impetus

**Covid, Black Lives Matter and
the theme of Resilience set within the Climate
Justice all accentuate the need to address**

Diversity Equality and Inclusion

UK Multicultural Communities are Mostly Urban People



- **Where we live work and play** matters most
- Many of us live in the **most deprived areas** in bleak concrete jungles and work in the **most polluted places**
- **Basic good health** is the most fundamental ingredient of **resilience**
- There is a **rising generation of multicultural voices** – environmental activists and experts
- Environmental and **non-environmental organisations** need to work together in an integrated way to transform the local environment



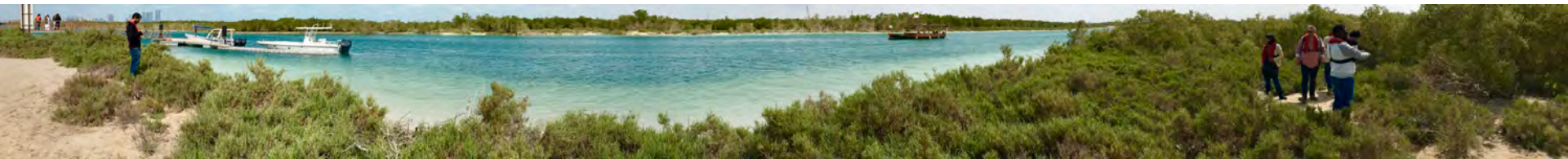
Structural Actions for Climate Justice

An Integrated Local and Global Approach bringing together social cultural environmental and economic concerns

Theme 1 Representation

Theme 2 Engagement

Theme 3 Provision





Theme 1 Representation

- a. Put **high profile diversity champions** into place in organisations
- b. Nurture and support **community based champions to open up inreach**
- c. Nurture and support **diverse representation within decision making structures to share power**
- d. **Positive visibility** builds **cultural presence** and **counters negative cultural stereotyping**
- e. **An integrated approach to policy and action, using a human rights based approach**
- f. **Support diverse local representatives to attend high profile national and international events**

CLIMATE REFRAME

Amplifying BAME Voices in the
UK Environmental Movement

Building Visibility *We are not at Square One*

An open database of the most established 100 BAME activists and experts



Climate Reframe: BAME climate experts campaigners and advocates

Their diverse roles include the following

- **Activists & Campaigners**
- **Business & Entrepreneurs**
- **Community Organisers**
- **Cultural Creatives**
- **Environmentalists & Naturalists**
- **Journalists & Writers**
- **Legal Experts**
- **Policy Experts & Academics**
- **Political Candidates**
- **Scientists & Technologists**
- **Urban Planners & Architects**
- **Youth Activists**



**“There is no such thing
as a
purely environmental initiative**

**A so-called
purely environmental initiative
is one that
has rejected
its social, cultural
and
economic dimensions.”**

Judy Ling Wong 1987



Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The Essentials



Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

A more **equal, prosperous, resilient, healthier and globally responsible** Wales, with **cohesive communities and a vibrant culture** and thriving Welsh language... go beyond simple GDP measure towards what affects the **economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being** of Wales.

The UK-wide bill is still going through Parliament



First Global Stakeholders Forum 2019 – UN Habitat Assembly – New Urban Agenda

New Urban Agenda – Leave No One Behind

The New Urban Agenda embodies three guiding principles:

Guiding Principles	Actions
Leave no one behind, ensure urban equity and eradicate poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Providing equitable access for all, to physical and social infrastructure<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Adequate housing and shelter at the center of the agenda- Public spaces as an enabler of socio-economic function of the city▪ Recognizing and leveraging culture, diversity and safety in cities▪ Enabling and strengthening participation and enhancing liveability and quality of life.
Achieve sustainable and inclusive urban prosperity and opportunities for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Enhancing agglomeration benefits of urbanization and avoiding land speculation,▪ Fair and equitable employment creation, productivity, competitiveness, diversification and▪ Innovation through a sustainable economic development
Foster ecological and resilient cities and human settlements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Driving sustainable patterns of consumption and production,▪ Protecting and valuing ecosystems and biodiversity, and▪ Adapting to and mitigating the impact of climate change while increasing urban systems resilience to physical, economic, and social shocks and stresses

Inclusive public engagement confirms shared Local Historical Identity and builds a Sense of Belonging



Celebratory high profile planting event restoring the missing trees to the original 9 trees in the locality of Nine Elms in London with diverse presence in representation

Claiming Cultural Presence and Making a Contribution



The Sikh community planted a native oak woodland for everyone to enjoy

This city fringe project at Nottingham's Bestwood Country Park commemorates the 300th Anniversary of the Khalsa, their holy scriptures



Recognition of Cultural Presence and the significance of a sense of Belonging

Mughal Garden Lister Park Bradford



Theme 2 Engagement

- a. Stimulate and encourage **grass roots movements** for change
- b. Connect with and **resource local ethnic specific community groups**
- c. Work within the context of an **ongoing partnership as equal partners**
- d. **Identify cultural specific dimensions** relevant to the actions to be implemented
- e. **Identify and address barriers** and support the **co-creation of solutions**



The Power of Replicable Initiatives

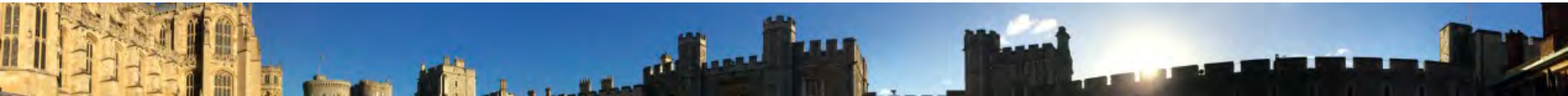
People have agency

Dare to enable local initiatives

Build relevance and identification to fuel motivation

Embody beauty and enjoyment alongside efforts for change

Use the arts to imaginatively embody social and cultural meaning





Camden's 'Think & Do' Pop Up is a **community space** to give the chance to come together to develop ideas and projects tackling the climate and ecological crisis.

<https://www.thinkanddocamden.org.uk/>

The creation of a new civic space is a direct follow on from Camden's **Citizens' Assembly on the Climate Crisis** held in July 2019 which resulted in 17 recommendations. At its Full Meeting on 7th October 2019, the Council unanimously agreed to take forward all of them for its Final Action Plan

<https://www.camden.gov.uk/documents/20142/0/190723+Ideas+ballot+votes.pdf/7311979a-f984-fe06-b162-f5c9724579a9>

Building the Capacity to Re-imagine Urban Spaces



The power of re-imagining opens up all our futures

Dagenham & Barking's Every One Every Day initiative has an elaborate community programme including extensive maker spaces



The Use of the Arts for fun and informal education



Think out of the box - Even Pedestrian Crossings are Spaces for Creativity



Kilburn Underground's former ticket windows are now plantariums

Reclaiming our Streets in our Neighbourhood

Greening for people and nature beyond parks and gardens



**Forward looking
Local Authorities
allow planting in tree
pits and taking over
of pavements with
pots and other
elements as long as a
buggy or wheelchair
can comfortably get
through**



Urban streets

Planting in pots on the pavement, planting by lifting up paving stones, and in tree pits can make up the **forest floor element of the urban forest**



Potential for allotments and planting for wildlife where the most vulnerable live

Many social housing estates have more acreage in green areas than all the local public parks and gardens put together but are of the lowest quality



Wildflower meadows on a grand scale in Liverpool



Indoor plants increased during Covid



Businesses can contribute too



Hard areas have potential – so much space



Pot garden on estate grounds

An inclusive movement to unlock a vast contribution

How-to Guides. Resources. Information. Programmes of Activities. Networks

LONDON NATIONAL PARK CITY*



PLACES TO GO >

THINGS TO ENJOY >

MAKE A DIFFERENCE >

WHAT'S ON >

GET MORE INVOLVED >

ABOUT US >

Greener, Healthier & Wilder London – The London Mayoral Hustings
Hosted by London National Park City
FREE (Charter of the London National Park City)

GATHERING*
Sat 29 Feb 1030 – 430
London National Park City* (Apostrophe, Charitable)

With Mayoral Candidates:
Shawn Bailey, Conservative
Shobhan Bhatia, Liberal Democrat
Sion Barry, Green
Sadiq Khan, Labour – Invited
Rosindell Roadhead, Independent
Manshi Roid, Women's Equality Party
Rory Stewart, Independent

With over 15 inspiring speakers and Q&As including:
Flourishing Diversity * Time & Talents * Every Person is Capable * #regulation * Cycle Sisters * Forest & Family * May Project Gardens * Visiting Trees – Greg Packman

Kobir Kaul's Rewilding London Together
Hear young people's perspectives on how we can cooperate to make London wilder together, and join the discussion.

FREE TICKETS www.nationalparkcity.london/gathering

GATHERING* 29 FEBRUARY

Come along to our next Gathering including Greener, Healthier & Wilder London – The London Mayoral Hustings. Be inspired to help bring the National Park City to life in your life and neighbourhood.

[more >](#)



JOIN THE SCHOOLS NETWORK

A network for London's schools & educators, to help 100% of London's children become #greener #healthier #wilder

[more >](#)

12 WAYS TO MAKE LIFE IN LONDON BETTER

TAKE ACTION LOVE

READ THE 64 PAGE MAKER GUIDE

Jam packed full of examples of what makes London a National Park City – things people, communities, businesses and others are doing every day to make London greener, healthier, wilder. Be inspired to make your own difference.

[more >](#)

Charter of the LONDON NATIONAL PARK CITY*

July 2019

WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER FOR BETTER:

- LIVES, HEALTH AND WELLBEING
- WILDLIFE, TREES AND FLOWERS
- PLACES, HABITATS, AIR, WATER, SEA & LAND
- TIME OUTDOORS, CULTURE, ART, PLAYING, WALKING, CYCLING AND EATING
- LOCALLY GROWN FOOD AND RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION
- DECISIONS, SHARING, LEARNING AND WORKING TOGETHER
- RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATURE & EACH OTHER

SIGN THE CHARTER

The Charter of the London National Park City sets out our aims, values and ways of working and explains how individuals, groups and organisations can take action together on our shared aims.

5 COMMITMENTS FOR THE NEXT MAYOR OF LONDON

- SIGN, SUPPORT AND PROMOTE THE LONDON NATIONAL PARK CITY CHARTER
- DEVISE A LONDON NATIONAL PARK CITY STRATEGY INVOLVING ALL PARTS OF THE GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY – FROM TRANSPORT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, SKILLS AND BUSINESS TO CULTURE, SPORT, HERITAGE, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY.
- PROMOTE LONDON'S NATIONAL PARK CITY IDENTITY, STORY AND PRESENCE TO INSPIRE MORE PEOPLE TO ENJOY LONDON'S GREAT OUTDOORS AND HELP MAKE LONDON GREENER, HEALTHIER AND WILDER.
- CONNECT LONDONERS TO SHARE SKILLS, TRAINING, KNOWLEDGE, BEST PRACTICE, IDEAS, HOPES AND DREAMS BY SUPPORTING SEASONAL CITY-WIDE NATIONAL PARK CITY GATHERINGS.
- PROTECT AND INCREASE LONDON'S GREEN, BLUE, PUBLIC, WILD, OPEN SPACES AND IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY, QUANTITY, SAFETY, CONNECTIVITY AND DIVERSITY OF USE.

5 COMMITMENTS FOR THE NEXT MAYOR OF LONDON

5 top asks and 99 What If ideas on how the next Mayor can make life in London better.

[More >](#)



LONDON NATIONAL PARK CITY RANGERS

Will be working to tackle the climate and ecological emergencies while improving people's health and wellbeing.

[more >](#)

Signposting to make the most of London

“We love what we Enjoy and we protect what we love”

Judy Ling Wong 1987



PLACES TO GO*



THINGS TO ENJOY*



MAKE A DIFFERENCE*



GET MORE INVOLVED*

* Looking to get more involved with the London National Park City? You've found the right place.

Amplifying Local and Global Voices and Networks

Our Ethnic Minorities represent Global Majorities



**100 Voices
Local and Global
Events**

**The National Park
City Foundation is
working towards
25 National Park
Cities by 2025**

We organise events for cities around the world. You can find them over on our www.nationalparkcity.org website at

www.nationalparkcity.org/events

For example:

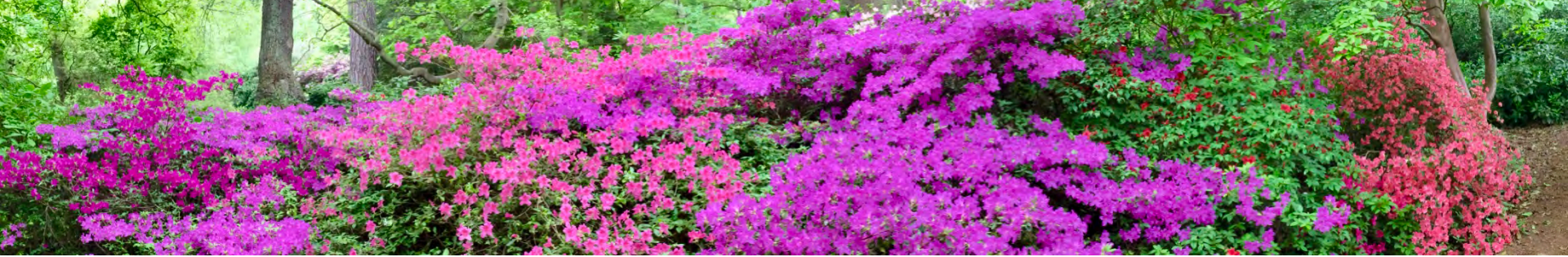
29 Oct 2020 – How to make cities #GreenerHealthierWildier! Voices from around the world >

Monthly – Regular Monthly Open Meetings for Cities starting campaigns to make your city a National Park City or working to achieve the status for some time already. >

**THE GREATEST THREAT
TO OUR PLANET
IS THE BELIEF
THAT SOMEONE ELSE
WILL SAVE IT**



Art and imagination - Creatively showing how we feel and think



Theme 3 Provision

- a. **Build cross-sector links**, recognising the interconnectedness of environment, health and diversity and equality, with training for outreach
- b. **Embed diversity and equality across sectors** to establish a framework of relevant provision
- c. **Resource local community based groups** such as youth clubs, or luncheon clubs for elders
- d. Give information to improve health through **personal action for self-care**
- e. Provide **interpretation services** and **multi-language information** – use Google Translate
- f. **Establish ethnic minority networks in workplaces** for support, consultation, and advocacy
- g. **Improve the local environment** – housing, green spaces, streetscapes etc.
- h. **Build equal access** to coming new wave of **green jobs** to achieve net zero
- i. **Policy and actions** including **activities for enjoyment and informal learning**

Food Growing links us to Nature and the Outdoors and the Food Security and Adaptation and Resilience Agenda



Myatt's Fields Park grows and gives away 50,000 plug plants for allotments, gardens and balconies to enable the community to extend the growing and harvesting season



Mutiuse Park

Burgess Park is a great example combining contact with nature including community beehives to outdoor exercise classes and a state of the art BMX track

Outdoor Learning at School lays Foundations for a Life with Nature

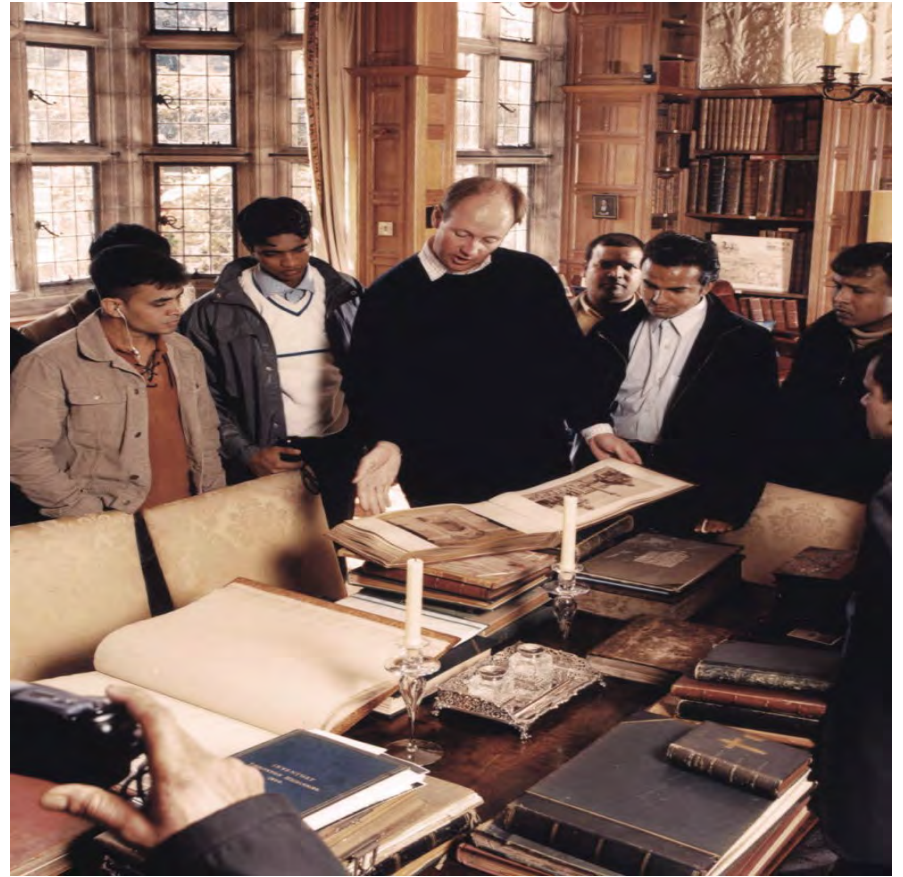


Natural Thinkers 10 commitments:

1. Children have access to a range of natural areas and materials outside.
2. Children have opportunities to grow, pick and taste produce.
3. Children have access to gardening and digging.
4. Children care for their natural environment.
5. Children engage with the weather and seasons.
6. Children have opportunities to engage with wildlife.
7. Children have daily access to the outside.
8. Settings ensure no child is excluded from outdoor activities.
9. Settings ensure parents have opportunities to get involved with Natural Thinkers activities.
10. At least 1 member of staff must have attended Natural Thinkers training.



Need for bike Workshops



Linking into history and Heritage

The Countryside and All of Nature is Also Ours



- Trips as of right to our most beautiful natural places
- We cannot be prisoners in cities
- Knowing nature at large inspires different local actions through rich experience
- Enjoyment leads to identification and contribution
- Multicultural presence in the countryside



Co-creating Exciting Solutions at COP26 – Local and Global

- People centered policy within an integrated approach bringing together social, cultural, environmental and economic dimensions
- Diverse representative voices
- Health and well-being as a fundamental feature of Resilience
- Linking living conditions, livelihoods with environmental actions
- National and international programmes of developmental activities
- Access to coming wave of new green jobs

Local actions sit within national and international frameworks of policy

IF NOT  NOW - WHEN?

extinction



ARE WE THE
LAST GENERATION?

hope
justice



Let us aspire to build Climate Justice in a multicultural world

People and Nature Thriving Together



Cultural Ways of Seeing

From the Ageless Wisdom

**Policy
is
the expression
Of
Love-Wisdom
and
its outcome
is
Beauty**



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Downloadable resources/publications on BEN website