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# Green Spaces, Learning Places

Visit. Volunteer. Join in.

We want more people to get outdoors and experience the good feelings and health benefits that we all know come from spending time in green spaces.

The City of London owns and manages green spaces in and around London for public recreation and health including Epping Forest, Hampstead Heath, Burnham Beeches, City Commons, City Gardens, City of London Cemetery and Crematorium and West Ham Park. Our green spaces, most of which are charitable trusts, are provided at little cost to the communities that they serve and are funded by the City of London.





We believe that green spaces are good for people. We also know that not everyone uses green spaces, even when they live next door to them. We want to change this through providing opportunities that break down barriers to using green space - and we are passionate about doing this. Green Spaces, Learning Places is the innovative programme of play, education and volunteering projects and services across the green spaces aiming to get more people outdoors.

## Green Talent Project

Working with our partners, we provide opportunities for long term unemployed young people to explore careers in the environmental and green spaces sector. However, we have a hidden agenda - we want them to love our green spaces as much as we do, and realise their role in the future of green spaces in London.

## Green Space Friendly Schools

Did you know that 30% of schools in London have no nature in their school grounds? Not even a hedge or a tree! We want to work closely with our local schools to get them using our green spaces to teach their lessons, so that all young Londoners grow up experiencing nature!

## The Wild East Project

Often people use green spaces but don't know the stories behind them. Through the Wild East Project we want to tell these incredible stories using mobile interpretation tricycles (think ice cream bikes with fun games and activities instead) at West Ham Park and Wanstead Flats.

## Playing Wild Project

From experience we know that it doesn't take much for a child to want to play outdoors – they love it. We also know that many children under 5 don't have the opportunity to play outside regularly. Our Playing Wild project works with parents and community groups to take children outdoors on Hampstead Heath.

## Schools Service

What better way to learn about science, geography and history than seeing, hearing, smelling and feeling it first hand. Our school sessions on Hampstead Heath and Epping Forest are the perfect introduction to green spaces, while hitting some learning objectives at the same time!

## Play Service

Our popular staffed play areas on Hampstead Heath are the first stepping stone to getting outdoors for many local young people and their parents. We provide family-friendly, nature-focused activities that inspire our visitors to take that next step into nature and green spaces.

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