

It's a bit hotter now,
let's water our trees!



The Droplet

Urban Forest Accelerator 23-24

Our volunteers will be aware by now that Birmingham TreePeople have had two employees for the last year, working on the Urban Forest Accelerator programme. It follows the Future Parks Accelerator, and National Trust, Woodland Trust, and Community Forest Trust aimed to create a toolkit designed to inform future councils and communities, based on the wonderful work and events Birmingham TreePeople are doing with our wide and enthused volunteer network, with Birmingham City Council.

Thanks to the funding for the project from National Lottery Heritage Fund, DEFRA, and One Tree Planted, Birmingham TreePeople have been able to have employees for the first time since its humble beginnings, and now we have received funding post the UFA project from Lottery Community Fund, extending their roles for the next three years.

Thanks to this project, we have planted trees in Nechells, Hodge Hill, and Bromford, three priority wards where they needed it most. Katy also hosted several tree walks and talks in these areas before and after the plantings, to establish partnerships and long-term care for the areas' new trees.

Work is currently being done in Alum Rock, which be extended past the end of the project, so we can plant new trees in this low canopy ward too - steadily raising the city's canopy cover, one tree at a time! We also want to continue working with organisations we have met along the excellent journey of this urban forest project.

We want to say an enormous thanks to Nechells POD, Friends of Hodge Hill Common, Open Door and Greener Cleaner Firs & Bromford at The Hub, Birmingham Open Spaces Forum, Urban Tree Festival, Woodland Dwelling, Place of Welcome, Women of Worth, St. Joseph's School, Cromwell School, St. Wilfred's School, Bradley Taylor, and every other individual and organisation over the last year, who has worked with us to plant, promote, and protect trees and the urban forest!



Urban Tree Festival 2024: Tree Equity Walk and Talk with Katy Hawkins, and the rest of the UFA team supporting.

If you have attended any of Katy's events during the last year, or some of our tree planting events last Winter with the partner organisations in the Urban Forest Master Plan's priority wards, can you please fill out this survey! The Evaluator is currently finalising the data and case studies for this fantastic project, so please make sure you have your say before September; the data collected will be used to inform the UFA Toolkit - a final document to signify the triumphs and challenges of the Urban Forest Accelerator.



TREE TALES

STREET TREE SURVEY

THE ZEPHANIAH FOREST

The Droplet is a fortnightly tree-formative flyer for our mailing list.
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