

# LATEST NEWS

## About us

At the Campaign for National Parks we want to get as many people as possible to get out into our National Parks, to discover for themselves why they are so special and to be inspired.

We have been running Mosaic projects now for over ten years, with the aim at inviting new and under-represented audiences to experience our most beautiful landscapes. The majority of our Mosaic projects have been for black, Asian and ethnic minority (BAME) communities, but more recently we have been trying out the model with young people and those with disabilities.

But Mosaic is not just about a few new people experiencing a National Park. Mosaic also provides training and support for our Community Champion volunteers, who then branch out and lead visits of people from their own communities,



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campaign on behalf of National Parks or start work on breaking down the barriers which prevent so many people from taking the plunge into our National Parks.

We want a whole new group of people to fall in love with National Parks, so much so, that they want to help us to look after them for a long time to come.

We hope that you find our Mosaic updates of use and please get in touch if you have any feedback or information for us. Enjoy.

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## Mosaic (Cymru)

Our Mosaic (Cymru) project was launched in January this year and work has begun on recruiting our 60 Community Champions for all three of the National Parks in Wales.

Our latest figures show that while people from who are “non-white British” make up over 7% of the Welsh population, while they account for less than 1% of visitors to Snowdonia, the Brecon Beacons or Pembrokeshire Coast National Parks. We are looking to combat the things that put people off from going to National Parks, such as lack of knowledge about access rights, perceptions of being unwelcome and lack of public transport.

Our Mosaic (Cymru) project is funded by the Big Lottery through their People and Places programme, Snowdonia National Park Authority, the YHA, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority and the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority. We are really grateful to them for their support.

We are aiming not to just create 60 new Community Champions for Welsh National Parks and 1,200 new black, Asian or minority ethnic visitors, but to also to help the Welsh National Park Authorities to make long-term changes to their organisations, making them more inclusive places that are better able to reach new audiences.



Our project staff are now all in place, and do get in touch with them if you want to find out how you too can get involved.

**Pat Gregory** – Pembrokeshire Coast National Park – pat@cnp.org.uk  
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## From Siân in Snowdonia

The Mosaic message is gathering pace in Wrexham and Bangor and recruiting potential Community Champions for a first overnight visit to Snowdonia.

Links with various groups in Wrexham, including Wrexham Refugees and Asylum Seekers Support Group and AVOW (Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham), have helped spread the message and sparked interest from various individuals and groups.

Our Mosaic stall, at a very wet and windswept Celebration Day for Volunteers in Wrexham, produced a strong nucleus of people interested in the outdoors and Snowdonia and wanting to learn more. As the Project Officer, I am now working with them to plan a Group Leader Visit for September. By next summer, Community Champions should be staffing the Mosaic stall at the Volunteers Celebration Day.

In Bangor, links have been made with the city's Intercultural Skills Link and the international drop-in centre at The Green House. We shared a stall with the Myned project of the Countryside Council for Wales at North Wales' first Kaya Afro-Caribbean Festival at the Faenol estate, near Bangor.

The Snowdonia Society is very keen on involving Community Champions in its voluntary conservation work and has included an article about the project in its online newsletter. It is hoped that the first overnight visit will include a session of conservation work with the society.

Equality and community cohesion teams in the various councils of North Wales and groups such as North Wales Association for Multicultural Integration have all given an enthusiastic response to the Mosaic message and we are looking forward to seeing the project make its impact in North Wales for the growing population of black, Asian and ethnic minority communities.

## Getting out to the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park

In May we held our first urban Mosaic event in Cardiff to let people know about the project. 40 people came to the event, and staff members from the Pembrokeshire Coast and Brecon Beacons National Parks were on hand to introduce people to what the parks have to offer.

We organised an overnight visit to the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park in July and stayed at Manorbier Hostel. With the help of Discovery Ranger Tom Moses, the group explored the coast around Stackpole. Almost everyone went coasteering, and everyone tried rock pooling and crabbing. As a special treat the group got a tour of Carew Castle by the National Park

Authority's Head of Discovery, Phil Roach.

It was a great weekend - the group bonded and everyone was really supportive of one another. In total 13 people have now signed up as Community Champions.

Two groups of volunteers have formed in Newport and Cardiff and they want to continue, even expressing an interest in becoming constituted groups so that they can apply for funding. Everyone is keen to get back to the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park as soon as possible to beat the cold weather! The Cardiff group are planning to begin to raise funds through selling food they've cooked at a local festival.



“ Coasteering was fantastic - I've never been able to swim. It was great having confident people around me who encouraged me. I've never done anything like rock climbing before ”

“ This weekend was the best thing I've ever done in my life, whatever we did! ”

## Get out there (events)

These are some of events happening around some of the National Parks. More information about events and what's on can be found on the website for each National Park.

### 4 September

**Lake District National Park** – Map & Compass Day – booking essential call 0845 272 0004 for information and booking

### 9 September

**Dartmoor National Park** – Make a difference- volunteer task, Yarner Wood, Nr Bovey Tracey – for information and booking 01626 832 330 or visit [naturalengland.org.uk/eastdartmoornr](http://naturalengland.org.uk/eastdartmoornr)

### 6 October

**Brecon Beacons National Park** – Brecon Beacons Food Festival – Market Hall Brecon

### 19-21 October

**Snowdonia Walking Festival** – find out more [snowdoniawalkingfestival.co.uk](http://snowdoniawalkingfestival.co.uk)

### 24 October

**Pembrokeshire National Park** – Pembroke Dock Raptors – find out about falconry or just get a close up look at the birds – details at [pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk](http://pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk)

### 18 November

**Brecon Beacons National Park** – Winter Visitors at Llangors Lake – an ornithological gem, join Park wardens for an easy 4 miles. Bring binoculars if you can and no dogs please; to book a place please call 01874 623366.

## Mosaic National Network launched!

One of key values of the Mosaic model is sustainability. And one of the ways that the Community Champions of the Mosaic III project (working with the YHA and nine of the National Park Authorities in England) have agreed to continue their work is to form a new group to support one another while they continue their work; it's called the **Mosaic National Network**.

The Network was launched with a first meeting in Birmingham on 23 June 2012.

At the launch, Community Champions were able to agree their governing documents, announce the results of their election of office holders, and hold the first meeting of the Management Committee.

The office holders for the Mosaic National Network are:

**Mohammed Dhalech** - Chairman  
**Yvonne Witter** – Vice Chairman  
**Chamu Kuppuswamy** – Secretary  
**Maruph Malik** – Treasurer

This is a first for Mosaic and very exciting news.

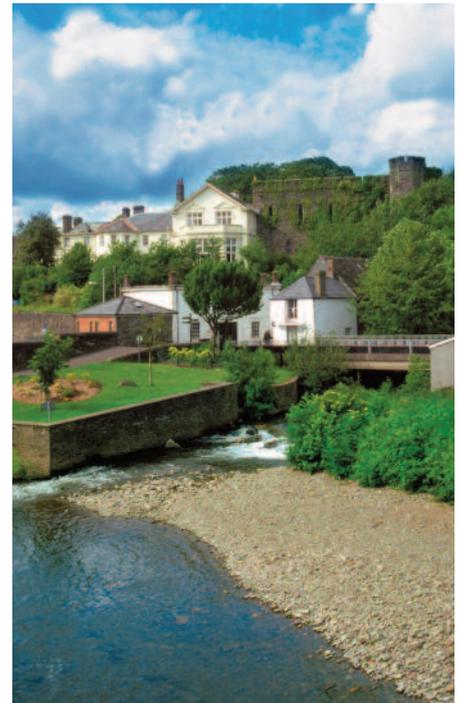
We are also really pleased that the Mosaic National Network is going to continue their association with the Campaign for National Parks and we look forward to working with them in the future.

### From the new Mosaic National Network Chairman Mohammed Dhalech

The Network is developing its membership structure and will be letting everyone know details shortly, following our meeting on September. In the meantime, if you want to find out more we have a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/groups/mosaicatnet](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mosaicatnet) this is a closed group for Community Champions to share information and network and stay connected, or you can email us using [info@mosiacnationalnetwork.org](mailto:info@mosiacnationalnetwork.org)

We will also soon be launching our website and a Public Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/MosaicNationalNetwork](http://www.facebook.com/MosaicNationalNetwork)

## Happens only once a year



We are really pleased to announce that we will be holding our first Annual Event for the Mosaic (Cymru) event at the YHA Brecon, in the heart of the Brecon Beacons National Park, from 12 to 14 October 2012. We are being hosted by our wonderful partners at the YHA and the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority who have lined up some great activities to help us explore the Park.

We are just finalising the programme and invites will be going out very shortly. If you would like to come and help out, or come along to see how you can get involved in the project please contact our Mosaic (Cymru) Support Officer Rajma Begum at [rajma@cnp.org.uk](mailto:rajma@cnp.org.uk).

## Get help (funds)

For our Clusters and Community Champions who are looking for funding support.

**14 September 2012** is the closing date for the **London Community Foundation grants**. Grant of between £1,000 and £10,000 (50% of costs) for people creating lasting change in their communities. This is available for London groups only, for further information go to [www.longodncf.org.uk](http://www.longodncf.org.uk).

You can find out more about small grants through the Community Foundation Website, use this page to find the nearest one to you [www.communityfoundations.org.uk/community\\_foundations/map](http://www.communityfoundations.org.uk/community_foundations/map)

**Sustainable Development Funds (SDFs)** are available from most National Park Authorities. The Peak District National Park Authority has funds to support projects that bring environmental, social, economic and cultural benefits to the National Park. Their fund is open to an individual, group or partnership from the public, private or voluntary sector. Check it out at [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/living-in/grants/sdf](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/living-in/grants/sdf)

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