

# LATEST NEWS

## News from the Campaign for National Parks

The chilly weather may have kept many of us indoors recently, but Mosaic Community Champions and Campaign for National Parks staff have been busy making preparations for warmer days – which you can read about in this newsletter.

I re-joined the Campaign for National Parks in December to manage our Mosaic projects in Wales and England. Lisa Bainbridge is still very much involved with Mosaic, providing oversight while I manage the day-to-day running of the projects. I've been busy getting our new Mosaic project for 16 to 25 year-olds off the ground and spent two great days with the new team in London last month.

It's fantastic to be back and I'm looking forward to working with you all.

### Sarah Wilson

Mosaic project manager

## National Park survey results

A recent UK-wide survey commissioned by the Association for National Park Authorities has shown:

- Snowdonia National Park is the most famous of all of Britain's National Parks (24%), followed by the Lake District (22%), and Peak District (14%).
- 96% of people in Wales have heard about National Parks compared with 86% in Scotland and 89% in England.
- 95% respondents in Wales said that National Parks are important, compared to 90% in England and 83% in Scotland.
- 96% of respondents thought that every child should have a first-hand experience of a National Park as part of their education.

## Ellis Ransom – a tribute



Ellis Ransom (C. Taylor)

It is with a heavy heart that we have to announce the untimely death, early in 2013, of Ellis Ransom – Mosaic Champion for Dartmoor and Exmoor.

Ellis was an active supporter of Mosaic and opening up National Parks to all communities. After joining Mosaic in March 2011, in his role as activities coordinator for the Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support (DCRS), Ellis took many groups into Dartmoor and Exmoor, sharing his passion for our wild spaces. He also encouraged members of DCRS to register as Mosaic Champions.

Campaign for National Parks and the team who worked most closely with Ellis, Clare Taylor, Chaz Singh and Sunder Braganza, extends our sincere sympathies to Ellis's wife and daughter.

## 16 to 25? Explore life in National Parks

A very warm welcome to our five new Mosaic project officers, who have joined the Campaign for National Parks to work on our new project for 16 to 25 year-olds. Each project officer is based in one of the five National Park Authorities partnering with us on the project. Over the next few months they will be getting started on the project and building contacts across the National Parks.

Young Champions will be drawn from cities, towns and villages within or close to the National Park boundaries. They will get involved in an exciting and challenging

range of activities and work with the National Park Authorities to get more young people engaged with National Parks.

The new team is:

**Barney Simmons** in Exmoor  
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**Clare Dyson** in the Lake District  
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**Sarah Young** in the New Forest  
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**Paddy Villiers-Stuart** in Northumberland  
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**Jan Bruce** in the Yorkshire Dales  
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## A Mosaic Champion's tale of heritage and the Peak District National Park



From the time when I started going on ranger-guided walks in summer 2010, I realised I liked integrating the National Park into my life. So I applied to be a volunteer ranger in the Peak District National Park and joined the Mosaic project. I have not turned back since! I am currently one of the officers of the Mosaic National Network that hopes to support Mosaic Community Champions.

I remember hearing from a ranger that there are many ways to interpret the National Park and I guess that struck a chord with me, and I started asking myself questions about the National Park, especially in terms of its international links. Thus was born the Heritage project at the Hindu Samaj, Sheffield. With fellow executive committee members of the Hindu Samaj, we applied for a Heritage Lottery Fund and were given £8,600 to learn about how life in and around Sheffield and the Peak District National Park was influenced by ideas and raw material from British India during the 18th and 19th centuries.

We will be going on visits to museums, walks, picnics and doing archive research. We have experts on our team who want to share and learn and involve local people to improve local health and wellbeing, and get a better understanding of local history.

Our focus is one personality and one commodity. The personality is Edward Carpenter, a progressive thinker and a lover of the outdoors who brought sandals into

Britain! We are going to read letters he wrote to people such as Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore and Annie Besant in the Sheffield archives and discover the shared heritage between Derbyshire and India. We will go on a walk, taking in his hamlet of Millthorpe and parts of Big Moor in the Peak District National Park.

Our commodity is cotton. Cotton is indigenous to India and has been used in India since Vedic times. We will visit the historic Derwent valley mills corridor, a UNESCO world heritage site, and think about the journeys the cotton has been on. We'll also visit the Bakewell Old House Museum which once housed cotton mill workers. Historians are doing some research for us to help us understand the story of cotton better.

Our first event will take place in April where we expect to hear a lot about cotton and exchange oral histories about cotton. I still remember the taste of a tender cotton sprout – wild food in India!

### Dr. Chamu Kuppuswamy

To find out more, please visit [www.heritagehindusamaj.wordpress.com](http://www.heritagehindusamaj.wordpress.com).



## Mosaic National Network braves the snow

Committee members of the Mosaic National Network have been working hard to put their business plan and membership offer together. They had an adventurous planning day at Edale Youth Hostel, which ended in the committee members wading and pushing their bikes through the deep snow to reach the hostel! The Mosaic National Network committee aims to have completed their business and other plans by June 2013. Keep up on Facebook [www.facebook.com/#!/MosaicNationalNetwork](http://www.facebook.com/#!/MosaicNationalNetwork)

If you are a Community Champion in Wales and would like to join the National Network, please contact **Mohammed Dhalech**, the Chairman, on [info@mosaicnationalnetwork.org](mailto:info@mosaicnationalnetwork.org)



## News round-up from Wales



Snowdonia (Rajma Begum)

Our Mosaic project in Wales has been running for one year now. Thirty-one Community Champions are working hard to promote the National Parks in their communities and getting to know the National Parks, with the help of National Park Authority staff and volunteers and the YHA.

### Community Champions make plans in Snowdonia

Community champions in Wrexham and Bangor are gearing up for their first overnight Group Leader Visit to Snowdonia. They are arranging a two-night weekend in the heart of the National Park in April with walks, talks and opportunities to learn about the rich history of the area. Details to be confirmed at a get-together in Wrexham in April.

Snowdonia project officer Siân Roberts has been spreading the Mosaic message across the region and Community Champions will join her at future events including Mosaic stands at the BME Services Fair in the Deiniol Shopping Centre, Bangor in April and the Kaya Festival at the Faenol Estate near Bangor on May 25 and 26. Come and see us there!

### Diversity Outdoors in the Pembrokeshire Coast



(PCNPA)

Twelve Mosaic Community Champions came together in January to set-up their own constituted group; Diversity Outdoors. The group, supported by Mosaic project officer, Pat Gregory and working with staff from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA), is planning an exciting programme of activities for 2013.

Diversity Outdoors aims to raise funds from a variety of sources including Awards for All and PCNPA's Sustainable Development

Fund. If successful, people from ethnic minority communities across south Wales will benefit from a wide ranging programme exploring different aspects of the National Park. Amongst the potential highlights are a 'bioblitz' event, a bushcraft and camping weekend, 'arts in the park' and a 'global picnic' in September. We will keep you posted with the details.



(PCNPA)

### Exploring diversity in Pembrokeshire Coast

The Senior Management Team at Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority recently took equality and diversity training to understand better the barriers that prevent a range of community groups, including BME communities, from

accessing and enjoying the National Park. They explored new ways to engage and connect with the wider community and deepened their understanding on what equality and diversity means to both individuals and organisations.

## Opportunities to get involved

Here are some opportunities to get involved with National Parks and our partners.

### Join YHA's board of trustees

YHA (the Youth Hostels Association) aims to reach out and enhance the lives of young people and is looking for five new Trustees. More information at [www.yha.org.uk/about-yha/board-of-trustees](http://www.yha.org.uk/about-yha/board-of-trustees)

### Become a member of the Snowdonia National Park

The Welsh Assembly is looking for people with experience of public administration and/or knowledge in an area of direct relevance to the needs of Snowdonia

National Park, such as conservation architecture, outdoor recreation; community activities; renewable energy; recycling and farming. More information at <http://wales.gov.uk/about/recruitment/ouropportunities/publicapps2/currentvac/snowdonianationalparkauthority/?lang=en>

### National Parks photo competition

The Association of National Park Authorities is running a photo competition called 'Actively Yours'. They are looking for photos of people being active in our National Parks and the winner will be chosen by our President, Ben Fogle. The completion is open until 24 April. More information at [www.nationalparks.gov.uk](http://www.nationalparks.gov.uk)

## Funding round-up – Focus on Wales

Here's the latest round-up of grants in Wales offering funding for community projects. For further information, visit [www.cfiw.org.uk](http://www.cfiw.org.uk)

### The Newport Fund

The Newport Fund supports community groups, local charities and social enterprises in Newport, South Wales. Supported themes supported include education, health and well-being, young people, and community projects.

For further information about the Newport Fund email [tom@cfiw.org.uk](mailto:tom@cfiw.org.uk).

**Closing date for the next grants round is 2 August 2013**

### The Dulverton Trust Fund

The Community Foundation in Wales is administering grants on behalf of The Dulverton Trust in the following areas - Youth Opportunities, General Welfare, Conservation and Preservation.

Grants of £500 to £5000 are awarded to small charities and organisations normally with an annual income of under £200,000. More information at [www.cfiw.org.uk/grants.html#Dulverton](http://www.cfiw.org.uk/grants.html#Dulverton)

### North Wales Carers Groups

There is funding for community group in North Wales (operating in Anglesey, Gwynedd, Flintshire, Conwy, Denbighshire, Wrexham or North Powys) for projects where the primary beneficiaries are carers. Email [mail@cfiw.org.uk](mailto:mail@cfiw.org.uk) with details of your project.

## Events in National Parks

### Exmoor

**13 April 8-11pm**

Night Navigation and Star Gazing  
Walk across Exmoor on a moonless night.  
Goat Hill Layby.  
Booking essential on 01398 323841

### New Forest

**4 May to 2 June**

From Our Viewpoint: the New Forest as experienced by diverse cultures.  
A unique exhibition on every day at the New Forest Centre, Lyndhurst – with contributions from New Forest Community Champions.  
[www.newforestcentre.org.uk](http://www.newforestcentre.org.uk)

### Yorkshire Dales

**14 April 1:30-4pm**

Swalesdale Stroll  
Easy 3.5 mile walk as part of the Flowers and the Dales Festival  
Reeth National Park Centre  
01746 664059

**5 May 12:15-3:30pm**

Join engaging storyteller Sita Brand on this fantastic family walk around Settle  
[www.yds.org.uk](http://www.yds.org.uk) 01756 749400

### Brecon Beacons

**12 April 2-4pm**

Walk – Moorland Magic  
3 miles moderate tour of the beautiful heather moorland near Blaenavon to find out what is being done to protect it for the future, led by the Forgotten Landscapes Partnership Commons Officer.  
Fox Hunter Car Park  
Cost: £3 in advance.  
Booking essential on 01495 742333

**12 to 14 April**

Hay Bike Fest 2013  
Information at <http://haycycling.org/>  
13 and 14 April  
The third Wild Garlic Festival  
Information at [www.communityforestfarm.co.uk/wild\\_garlic\\_festival.phtml](http://www.communityforestfarm.co.uk/wild_garlic_festival.phtml)

### Peak District

**6 April 10am-4.30pm**

Navigation for Beginners  
Fairholmes Ranger Centre  
(accessible by bus)  
Booking essential on 01629 816 211

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The Campaign for National Parks' Mosaic programme aims to build long-term engagement of new audiences and National Parks, including black and minority ethnic communities and 16 to 25 year olds. [www.cnp.org.uk/mosaic](http://www.cnp.org.uk/mosaic)

