

# MOSAIC NEWS

## Big asks for National Parks – have your say

We are beginning to draw up the Campaign for National Parks Manifesto. It will make some big asks for National Parks of the government that wins the next general election.

As people who love National Parks and want to see them protected and enhanced for the future, your views are important to us. Join in and tell us your priorities for National Parks.

Read more at [cnp.org.uk/manifesto](http://cnp.org.uk/manifesto) and join the conversation on Twitter using #NationalParksMyView and Facebook at [facebook.com/campaignfornationalparks](https://www.facebook.com/campaignfornationalparks)

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### Champions organise weekend break to Brecon Beacons National Park for carers

by **Fateha Ahmed**, minority carers officer and Community Champion with the Brecon Beacons National Park

In May, Mosaic supported me and two other Community Champions to organise a weekend break for our group of BME carers to the wonderful Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.

Our group stayed at the Brecon YHA in beautiful countryside location. The hostel provided halal food and a separate lounge for the weekend. The hostel surroundings offered beautiful greenery and a short drive to access lovely walks along the canal path.



We explored the stunning Brecon Beacons, visited the amazing Blaen-Y-Glen waterfall and enjoyed the nature. We had lunch at Llangoss Lake, which has a lovely walk path and gift shop. We also went on the Brecon Mountain Railway – wonderful for sightseeing. We visited Craig-Y-Nos park and relaxed near its lakes, woods and greenery.



We wanted to give carers a break from their caring role and encourage them to be physically active in a fun way, as well as making friends and sharing experiences. The weather was lovely and we took every opportunity to explore the countryside. Everyone felt joyful, energised and relaxed. The carers are already requesting for another trip.

To make the trip affordable we arranged a summer bazaar to fundraise for it. Local businesses and carers donated items and we sold new and good condition clothes, household items, shoes, scarves, jewellery, food and homemade cakes. The bazaar raised a huge £1010.

## Organise an event with the Let's Do It! Fund in Wales

We have just released the Mosaic Let's Do It! Fund for Wales. Community Champions for National Parks in Wales can apply for up to £260 to go towards organizing visits to their National Park. Visits should take place before 30 November 2013 and the closing date for applications is 15 November 2013. Contact Sarah Wilson, [sarah@cnp.org.uk](mailto:sarah@cnp.org.uk), Mosaic project manager or your project officer for more details.

## Celebrating Mosaic in Wales with our 2013 Annual Event

All Community Champions in Wales are invited to Snowdonia National Park to celebrate a year of fantastic achievements in the three Welsh National Parks. The Mosaic Annual Event will be held at Llanberis Youth Hostel from 4 to 6 October



## News from England

### Young people get a first taste of Mosaic in Exmoor

We provide young people with 'taster' sessions to experience what's on offer in National Parks before they sign up to become a Young Champion with our Mosaic youth project. On 31 May, Barney Simmons, our Exmoor project officer, organised the first 'taster' for five young people in Exmoor National Park.

They were thrown in at the deep-end. In the morning they supervised wellie wanging at Exmoor National Park's Bogtastic Adventure Day, while in the afternoon they rolled up their sleeves and fixed dry stone walls at Hoccombe, right in the middle of the moor. They were supported and supervised by Dave, head of learning and outreach at Exmoor National Park. Chris from Barnstaple said: "I wasn't sure this was going to be for me, but I had a really good day."



### Launching Mosaic for young people

We are making plans for the official launch of our Mosaic project for young people taking place in five National Parks in England.

Young Champions are starting to enrol and we will work with them, the National Park Authorities and others to officially launch the project as part of the National Parks Week celebrations between 29 July and 4 August. There will be Mosaic launch events in each of the five National Parks we are working in. Keep an eye on our website for more information at [cnp.org.uk/mosaic](http://cnp.org.uk/mosaic)

### Drinking Ginger's new Independent Guide to the South Downs

by **Vanessa McClune**

A group of Community Champions called Drinking Ginger has received £61,700 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to produce a publication called An Independent Guide to Exploring the South Downs National Park.

Led by volunteers from major urban areas surrounding the South Downs National Park, the project will focus on producing an illustrated guide aimed at ethnic minority communities. The project will start in summer 2013 and last for one year. Drinking Ginger will work with existing and former Community Champions based in the south-east but is looking for another 40 volunteers. Email your details to Vanessa McClune at [drinking.ginger@googlemail.com](mailto:drinking.ginger@googlemail.com) if you'd like to take part.

Drinking Ginger is a London-based organisation of over 70 Community Champions and supporters that promotes National Parks.

*Drinking Ginger is currently recruiting a part-time Project Coordinator. You can find full details on [cnp.org.uk/articles/work-us](http://cnp.org.uk/articles/work-us)*





## Exhibiting diverse views in the New Forest

by **Nestor Tatel**

“New Forest became a place of respite for me and my family,” said Jasper Tolentino, a member of the Filipino-British community in Southampton. “In our busy lives there is a need to take a break from routine and the New Forest gives me and my family a breather.”

Jasper and family were visitors to Viewpoint: The New Forest as Experienced by Diverse Cultures Photo Exhibition at New Forest Centre and Art Gallery in Lyndhurst. It was organised by Community Champions with the New Forest National Park. The Community Champions curated photos and paintings by local artists that told the story of how the New Forest was important to that particular artist.

It featured Irvin Verallo, Charisse Verallo, Rommel Nase, John Villanueva and Nestor Tatel from the Filipino community. The Chinese community presented Andy Lai’s photo works while the Indian communities had Dimple Sauria and Latha’s paintings and portraits. The Southampton Filipino Youth Club displayed a paper Mache tree to represent “a unity of various cultures.”

The exhibition is part of a programme of activities for local communities that emphasise that the New Forest National Park is there to be enjoyed and explored by everyone. Nigel Matthew, NFNPA’s community and visitor services manager said: “Our events programme is aimed at various communities because the National Park is there to be enjoyed by everyone and the New Forest is only waiting to be explored.”



## Northumberland Community Champions design a project in memory of Peter Nicholson

by **Mandy Roberts**

Last autumn Northumberland National Park lost a great advocate of Mosaic when Northumberland National Park Authority member Peter Nicholson sadly died following a heart operation. Peter was a man of integrity, unafraid to challenge the common opinion. He truly believed the countryside was for everyone and got to know the Northumberland Champions well through joining them on group leader visits.

In memory of Peter, Community Champions are working with Northumberland National Park engagement officer, Mandy Roberts, and our project officer, Paddy Villiers-Stuart, to design a project that will allow young and disadvantaged groups from Newcastle to enjoy a residential experience with a difference.

On 18 and 19 May Community Champions from the Angelou Centre and the Chinese Centre, both in the West End of Newcastle, visited the North Tyne and Redesdale areas in Northumberland National Park to try out some activities.

They stayed at Kielder Youth Hostel and tried out art workshops including art walks, book making, printing and large exterior artworks, at nearby studios of Visual Art in the Rural Community project (VARC) led by current and past artists in residence. In the evening they visited Kielder Observatory to learn what opportunities there are for studying the incredible dark skies in Northumberland.

The resulting group visits are planned for September 2013 and will involve around 50 people. Mandy Roberts said: “Peter would have been delighted at the new opportunities such as the Mosaic youth project that are developing to encourage people from urban communities to share in the benefits of our National Park. This year of workshops and days out is a fitting tribute.”



## News from our partners

### Get involved with the YHA

On Sunday 8 September YHA will open its hostel doors across England and Wales to host celebrations for their annual YHA Day.

YHA Day is a great opportunity to visit a hostel, enjoy a free fun packed family day out and take a peek at what modern hostelling has to offer. The day will be celebrated across 75 hostels across England and Wales.



See [yha.org.uk/yhaday](http://yha.org.uk/yhaday) for details.

The YHA is also looking for volunteers to help out at events and in hostels over the summer. See [yha.org.uk/volunteering](http://yha.org.uk/volunteering) if you are interested in taking part.

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## Events in National Parks

### Brecon Beacons

**1 August**

#### Nature's Games and Challenges at the Mountain Centre

Join the National Park Education Team playing games and solving puzzles inspired by nature here in the National Park! Suitable for children aged 5 to 11. Booking essential. Call National Park Visitor Centre on 01874 623366

**3 August**

#### Experience the best of Rural Life at Brecon Show

The Brecon County Show at The Showground, Watton Villa, Brecon. The oldest surviving agricultural society in the UK. See horses, cattle and sheep classes, a major sheep shearing competition, a poultry show, classes for goats, dog shows and a dog agility competition and competitions for flowers, vegetables, cooking and crafts. More information: [breconcountyshow.co.uk](http://breconcountyshow.co.uk)

### Snowdonia

**15 June 11am-14pm**

#### Llyn Tegid Lake and Bala Guided walk

The special wildlife of the Penllyn area, 7km. Booking: Essential, Dogs: Not allowed

**28 and 29 June 9am-4pm**

#### Big Dee Day – The Invasion

Help clear Himalayan Balsam and collect litter off the banks of the River Dee and its tributaries in Bala, with a free BBQ afterwards. Booking: Essential, Dogs: Not allowed.

Book with Gethin Davies at Snowdonia National Park on 01766 772 255 or [g.davies@eryri-npa.gov.uk](mailto:g.davies@eryri-npa.gov.uk)

### Pembrokeshire Coast National Park

**26 July 3pm**

#### National Park Discoverers

A mix of activities for children and families exploring the beach. Meet on Freshwater East Beach – look for the National Park flag. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: £2 per child (pay event staff), adults free

### Yorkshire Dales National Park

**9 July**

#### Great Yorkshire Show England's Premier Agricultural Show

Experience all aspects of farming and country life. Harrogate. More information: [greatyorkshireshow.co.uk](http://greatyorkshireshow.co.uk)

**14 July 10.30am-4pm**

#### A full day's navigation course

Subjects include map reading, grid references and compass work. Hawes National Park Centre and Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes, DL8 3NT  
Booking: Hawes National Park Centre 01969 666210

### Exmoor National Park

**24 July all day**

#### Haddon Hill Big Adventure Family games and events

Take a Moorland safari, learn bush-craft skills, and go on the famous Exmoor Beast Hunt. Free. Contact 01398 323841

### Lake District National Park

**30 June 10.30am**

#### Walk in Coppermines Valley and Levers Water

Free Guided walk – 5 miles, 5 hours. Meet: Consiton Tourist Information Centre

**10 to 12 August**

#### Audible Forces

Musical installations powered by the wind at Brockhole Visitor Centre. Part of Kendal Mintfest  
More information: [lakesalive.org](http://lakesalive.org)

There are hundreds of events happening in all the National Parks over the summer. Many are free. For more information visit the events page on your nearest National Park's website.

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)

