



What a fantastic year we've had - mostly thanks to all the Champions who promote and enjoy National Parks through Mosaic. We've had two National Parks volunteer of the year finalists - and one winner! Champions have introduced hundreds to our fantastic National Parks across England and Wales and got stuck in with a little conservation themselves! We've made lots of films and even been on the news! Roll on 2015! And to pass the festive season here's a few stories of what we've been up in late 2014. Have a joyful Christmas season and best wishes for 2015!

Mosaic News



Wales National Park Champions on screen

Seven Community Champions appear in [short films](#) talking about National Parks. They talk about National Parks as venues for integrating in Wales and cross-community relationships, National Parks as inspirational places for taking physical activity or getting organised as a group to spread the word to others. Treat yourself to 15 minutes listening to these stories. Check out our [Youtube channel!](#)



Champion volunteers win awards, raise money and help protect National Parks!

This autumn saw two Mosaic Champions nominated for the prestigious National Parks Young Volunteer of the Year award! James Taylor, a Champion with the Lake District National Park from Barrow in Furness and Jerry Bass, a Champion with the Northumberland National Park from Newcastle both made it onto the shortlist. [Read more about Mosaic Champions volunteering from this autumn.](#)



Dave Gurnett, Education Officer at Exmoor National Park reflects on a weekend with Mosaic young Champions.

What's great about MOSAIC is that everyone gets on.

No matter the time, no matter the place, no matter the person, no-one is ever out.

The buzz on arrival, the expectation, the caution, soon meld as all are in.

The meal time noise, the catch-up since last, the chocolate ice mars put all on the map.

Can you ride, can you climb, can you do this and that, makes no difference as we all have a bat.

I can't do that, I don't do that, I've never done that, I don't eat that, but maybe just one go.

I did that, I did that well, well done to me, and well done to you.

Our time is almost done, quick pass round the forms and a chocolate or two.

See you on face book and don't forget the wet shoe.

Well done to all, more memories for to store, a weekend away, a National Park for to stay.



A speech at the National Parks Societies' conference

Lake District Champion Adam Philip-Phillips attended the National Parks Societies conference in October. [Here he reports on the conference](#) and his experience of making a short speech at it.



Inspirational National Parks

Zobia Zaman, Brecon Beacons Champion reflects on [cross-cultural relationships in National Parks](#).



Make sure the bridge is high enough for the coach!

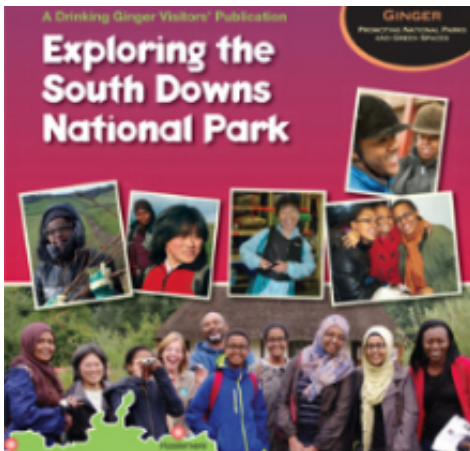
Maleka Begum, A Champion with the Brecon Beacons National Park led her first visit recently. She started big with a huge trip for 68 people of all ages from Barry. In this article she talks about what she learnt [organising the visit](#).



Lucy McQuillan joins Mosaic Youth Project as Manager

We are delighted that Lucy McQuillan joined the Mosaic Youth project as Manager in November. Lucy used to work at the Lake District National Park Authority and now lives in Exmoor so she has plenty of knowledge and experience of National Parks! Read more about Lucy on [her profile on our website](#). You can also contact [Lucy by email](#).

Events and other news



New Guide to the South Downs published by Drinking Ginger!

Drinking Ginger, led by former Champion Vanessa McClune, has been working for the past year on an unofficial guide to the South Downs National Park. The guide is now out! You can [download the guide here](#) - or request further information from [Drinking Ginger](#).



We're recruiting! CNP seeks new Chief Executive

National Parks are completely protected, right? The truth is that they are not and they face threats to their future. So, if you feel passionately about securing national parks then please [read on...](#)



Review of Designated Landscapes in Wales

The Campaign for National Parks has responded to the current review of designated landscapes in Wales. The review is ongoing into next year. Have a look for [more information on how to get involved](#).

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. [Find out more.](#)



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