

Multi-Trails Project Conference

Tuesday 15th October 2020

9.30am – 2.30pm

EVENT REPORT

Multi-trails is a transnational cooperation project between the Community Woodlands Association in Scotland and the Sjö, Skog & Fjäll LAG in Sweden to share innovative techniques and best practice for the construction, promotion and management of mixed-use trails. This event, which was organised and held online by Sjö, Skog & Fjäll LAG, was originally intended to be the end of project conference.

The project had scheduled two international exchanges in 2020 but unfortunately these had to be cancelled due to the restrictions on international travel. Instead CWA commissioned three short films, focussing on Sustainable Visitor Management, Trails for All and Trails and the Rural Economy which were shown as our contribution to this conference.

The films covered the following themes and subject areas;

- I. Sustainable Visitor Management
 - Trail and destination promotion
 - Visitor management on multi-use trails
 - Active travel (getting visitors out of their cars and onto bikes or on foot)
- 2. Trails for All
 - Design and construction of multi-user paths
 - All ability access
 - Visitor safety
- 3. Trails and the Rural Economy
 - Eco-tourism
 - Partnership working
 - Destination marketing

Please click on this link for more details and click on following links to watch the three films:

- Sustainable Visitor Management
- Trails for All
- Trails and the Rural Economy

52 participants attended the event - 13 from Scotland and 39 from Sweden; the feedback has been extremely positive.

The conference was recorded and can be watched again here: <u>https://www.byggenled.se/ledkonferens-15-sept-2020/</u>





MULTI-TRAILS CONFERENCE

Welcome to join a (digital) trail conference!

This conference is part of a Swedish - Scottish cooperation project with the aim to build better and more sustainable trails and to share knowledge and inspiration.

When: Tuesday 15th September 2020 Scottish time: 9.30 am - 2.30 pm

Program 9.30

| 9.30 am | Principles of sustainable trails. Hans Stoops, Cykelfrämjandet. | | |
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| 10.30 am | Accessible trails for all. Nannie Fredrikson, Mountain Guide. | | |
| 11.30 am | Lunch break | | |
| 12.30 pm | Films from Scotland 3 x 10 min; Sustainable Visitor Management, Trails for All, | | |
| | Trails and the Rural Economy. Q&A with interviewees from the films. | | |
| | Moderator: Fiona Chalmers, Multi-trails Project Manager, Scotland. | | |
| 1.40 pm | Group discussions | | |

2.00 Panel discussions. Moderator: Jon Hollingdale, Community Woodlands - 2.30 pm Association, Scotland.

Register now: https://zoom.us us/meeting/register/tJAudu6ggT8vH9Kt5W nMzp7Yd 6e3kJRGB

Hans Stoops is a project manager with responsibility for mountain biking and bicycle tourism at Cykelfrämjandet, Hans stoops is a project manager with responsibility for mountain bixing and bicycle tourism at Cykelframjandet, Sweden's cycling advocacy organisation. For the past few years he has been advocating for the design and construction of sustainable trails for outdoor recreation in a project supported by "Svenskt Friluftsliv". Nannie Fredrikson is a mountain guide and accessibility consultant. After a serious accident in the mountains she changed the focus on her work to primarily working with the challenge of making nature more accessible for people with various disabilities. She lectures and writes on this subject as well as nature's healing properties. She also performs on-site inventories and proposes solutions for increased accessibility on hiking trails and at fishing camps, bird watching towers etc. She is passionate about giving everyone the possibility to enjoy nature.

This trail conference is hosted by Leader Sjö, Skog & Fjäll, Sweden. Partners to the cooperation project is Community Woodlands Association, Scotland (Leader Highlands, Leader Cairngorms).

The Participants (Scottish participants in **bold**)

| Adrian Clark | Jon Wagenius | Oskar Lind |
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| Agneta Sivertsson | Josefine Larsson | Petter Eurenius |
| Anne Adsten | Karen Smith | Sandra Skarne |
| Annsofi Collin | Karin Ericson | Sara Häggström |
| Carina Lönneryd | Kelly Clapperton | Sara Näsvall |
| Catarina Nordin Thorpe | Kristofer Hallberg | Sofie Jugård Löfgren |
| Chris Marsh | Lina Jönsson | Sofie Löfgren |
| Cristian Pizarro | Linda Karlsson | Suzann Barr |
| Ellen Hoas Ströman | Liz Auty | Therese Nordfeldt |
| Erik Esseen | Love Roos | Thomas Wingate |
| Fiona Chalmers | Marcella Simms | Tim Flood |
| Hans Stoops | Margareta Lindhagen | Tobias Liljeroth |
| Helena Fjellgren | Marina Piper | Tom Whalley |
| lan Ross | Marita Persson | Tracy Rich |
| Ingrid Hedlund | Mia Wiktor Lunde | Ulrika Karlsson |
| Izzy Filor | Nannie Fredrikson | Ulf Halleryd |
| Jens Tirén | Ola Bergqvist | Veronica Carlson |
| Jon Hollingdale | | |

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