Multi-Trails Project Training Event
Promoting Trails for Multi-Users
13th October 2020 10.00 – 12.20

Online Event - Report

This training event is part of a transnational cooperation project between the Community Woodlands Association in Scotland and the Sjö, Skog & Fjäll LAG in Sweden for sharing innovative techniques and best practice for the construction, promotion and management of mixed-use trails. The aim of this event was to share and disseminate best practice in promotion and enjoyment by multi-users.

Due to corona virus restrictions the event was held online via the Zoom platform and 11 participants attended. The session was recorded and is available on this link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APpybx26_ZE

Programme for the day

10.00	**Welcome and Introduction** - Fiona Chalmers, CWA Multi Trails Project Manager		
10.10	**Promoting Trails within a National Park**	Promoting the visitor facilities and trails in the National Park to attract a wider range of user groups - challenges and opportunities. *Q&A session at end*	*Kenny Auld* – Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park
10. 40	**Paths for All Trail Grading system**	What it is and how to use it. *Q&A session at end*	*John Duffy* – Paths for All
11.10	**Short coffee break**		
11.20	**Promoting sites with Graded Trails**	How FLS makes use of a graded trail system and what this means for promotion and visitor enjoyment. *Q&A session at end*	*Andrew Howard* – Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS)
11.50	**Promoting using Digital Engagement**	Promoting a community woodland site online – Castlemilk Park case study *Q&A session at end*	*Stuart Whittaker* – Cassiltoun Housing Association
12.20	**Thank you and event ends**		

Feedback left in chat box

I was inspired by Stuart's project from his presentation at the CWA conference. It has happened again today! Brilliant. I have learnt so much this morning from Stuart and all other speakers.

Thanks, it was really great!

Thank you to all. Very interesting and inspiring :-)

Thank you very much. I have been educated and inspired and will follow up links

Thank you - very helpful for our community woodland access planning.

Resources

<u>Specific to this topic and mentioned in the Zoom event</u>

- **Paths for All path design and management resources** https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/resources

- **Path Grading guide** - https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/resources/resource/the-path-managers-guide-to-grading

- **Mapping Scotland's Paths -** https://www.ramblers.org.uk/mappingscotlandspaths

<u>Funding sources for paths and trails</u>
- Scottish Rural Development Programme - LEADER, Forestry Grant Scheme, Improving Public Access. A new scheme to replace this programme is being planned post-Brexit.
- Landfill tax **-** SUEZ Communities Trust Ltd, Viridor Credits Environmental Company, WREN
- Places for everyone - to create safer, more attractive, healthier places by increasing the number of trips made by walking, cycling and wheeling for everyday journeys.
- SCSP - Open Fund to encourage people to change their behaviours to walk or cycle as part of their everyday short journeys.
- Heritage Lottery **-** *Landscapes and the countryside* large-scale rural projects that help improve landscapes for people and nature, by for example, restoring habitats and celebrating the cultural traditions of the land
- Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund
- Over £13m capital grant funding from Transport Scotland available to support the development of Active Travel Hubs and/or path creation application
- Plastic bag schemes – Asda, Coop, Tesco

<u>Path Infrastructure</u>
- Outdoor Access Design Guide**:** A guide which gives consistent and clear advice on the selection and design of outdoor access furniture and structures such as gates, fences, seating, steps and boardwalks.
- Surfacing Guide for Path Projects: A guide designed to help you choose the most effective and appropriate surfacing material for your path project. It provides details on a range of path surfacing options available within Scotland, many of which can be viewed at the *Paths for All National Path Demonstration Site* within SRUC Oatridge Campus
- Lowland Path Construction Guide**:** This guide considers all aspects of lowland path development and management and looks at the different stages of path construction projects – planning, design, construction and maintenance.
- The Path Managers Guide to Grading**:** a consistent approach to path grading developed and endorsed by SNH, FCS & Paths for All.
- Shared Use Paths in Scotland: Guidance which focuses on the promotion, development and management of paths in ways which enable, encourage and sustain active travel, recreation and enjoyment by walkers, cyclists, horse riders, people with disabilities and other-non-motorised users.

- [Signage Guidance for Outdoor Access](): Covering most aspects of outdoor access signage, this guide is aimed at access staff, countryside rangers, land managers, community groups (including health walk co-ordinators) and anybody involved in path or other access/site management.
- [Estimating Guide for Path Projects](): A simple guide which helps to estimate the costs associated with your path project.
- [Path Bridges](): Designed to help you negotiate the complex factors involved in planning, designing, constructing and maintaining bridges.
- [BT Countryside for All](): Setting the bench mark for good practice in meeting the needs of disabled people seeking access to the countryside.

Health & Safety

[Guide on Construction, Design & Management Regulations]() a handy guide which both describes and provides examples of the 10 main duties that clients need to carry out for their path maintenance projects; in line with the Construction, Design & Management Regulations 2015.

Mapping

Several open source GIS options are available including [Umap]() and [QGIS.]() Other options include [One Scotland Mapping Agreement]() and [Ordnance Survey]()

SATIN – the **Scottish Access Technical Information Network -** hosts a large web-based resource of technical information and knowledge: [A to Z Technical Information]()

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