

Nature in Our Hands



Short Name

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Formal Name

Nature in Our Hands: Collaborative
Community Connection, Citizen
Science & Conservation

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Institution/Organisation

Imperial College London
West Rise Primary School
Sussex Wildlife Trust
Eastbourne Scrap Store
Making Natural History

Website

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/environmental-policy/research/projects-centres-networks-affiliations/>

Social Media

 [@natureiohands](#)

 [@nature-in-our-hands](#)



Impetus funding has kickstarted
our initiative blending citizen
science and creativity to
reconnect, enhance, and protect
local green/blue spaces



Summary

Nature in Our Hands is a community-driven project rooted in the belief that our local outdoor spaces are vital for learning, wellbeing, and nature connection. With increasing development pressures, we're concerned about the future of cherished sites.

We also see this as a valuable opportunity to pioneer approaches to outdoor learning weaving in cross-curricular subjects. That's why we're working with West Rise School, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Eastbourne Scrap Store, Making Natural History, and researchers from Imperial College London to explore how the marsh is used, valued, and imagined by the community.

We're inviting young people to co-design a survey that captures local memories, current uses, and future hopes for the marsh. This science-meets-art-meets-democracy approach aims to (re-)connect residents with the site and gather a clear mandate for its protection and enhancement.

Together, we're building a shared vision for a space that supports biodiversity, education, and wellbeing—for today and generations to come.

Follow our journey—and tell us how YOU think it should grow!