

# Nextdoor Nature Pioneers Programme



**Help organise action within your community that will improve the neighbourhood for nature and people!**

**A free course** to provide you with the understanding, resources and confidence you need to organise local action.

## How long does it take?

Each course will take six months and will include a mixture of self-led online learning, interactive webinars, practical face-to-face sessions and a community project. New online content will be available every fortnight and we anticipate an average of two hours per week commitment.

## How much does it cost?

**It is free to take part.** We want the Pioneers Programme to be accessible to everyone. We will support you through the programme, from covering travel expenses to arranging drop-in phone meetings to answer any questions.

## What will be covered?

A range of topics, from taking direct action for nature to how to engage with other people in your community.

At the heart of the programme, the course will provide you with the foundations to lead action in your local areas. In addition, optional content will allow you to choose what to learn depending on your project ideas.

## What's in it for me?

From learning transferable skills and meeting like-minded people, to feeling happier, healthier and a growing sense of pride in your community, there are many benefits to taking part in the programme.

As part of a growing movement, you'll be going above and beyond in doing your bit to help protect wildlife and tackle climate change, and you'll be helping others to do the same - a hugely rewarding experience.

You'll also benefit from 1-to-1 support during the programme to help you get the most from the course and have exclusive opportunities to learn from national experts on a range of interesting subjects.



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# What's covered in the Pioneers Programme?

## Nature and wellbeing

Nature is great for our health and wellbeing. We take a look at how nature benefits our wellbeing, how we can make the most of our time outdoors and how we can share those benefits with others.

## Wildlife ecology 101

An introduction to wildlife, what you might find on your doorstep and how different species interact.

## Identifying actions for nature

Giving you an understanding of how to identify actions that will make a positive difference for nature in your area.

## Fundraising

A look at where to find funding and some tips for putting together funding applications.

## Land and Landowners

Covering the importance of working with landowners and local authorities, where to find out who owns local land and how to approach them in a meaningful way.

## Health and Safety

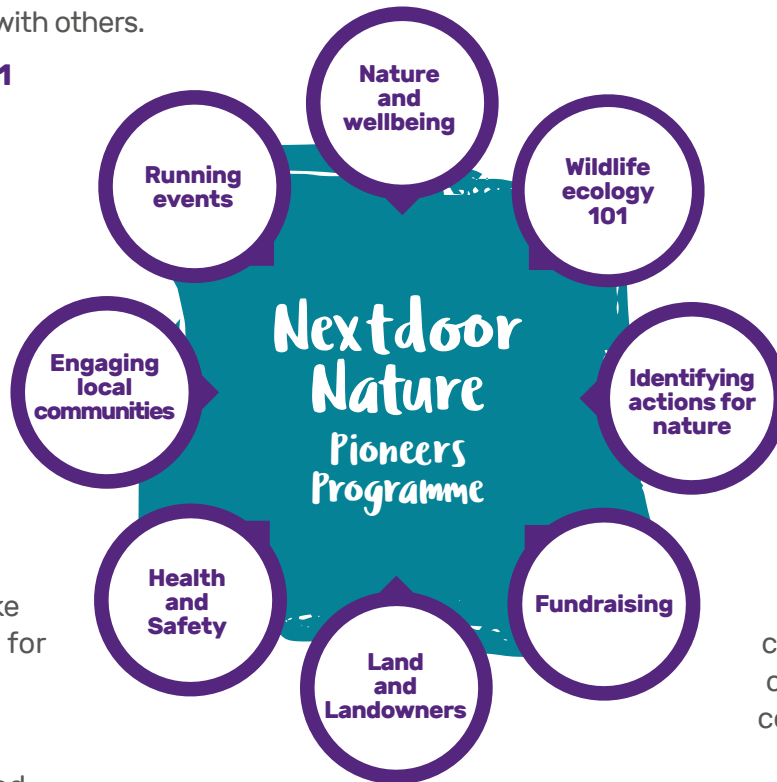
We'll cover the basics of health and safety and your responsibilities when organising action in your community.

## Engaging local communities

We'll look at why engaging with local people is important for wildlife, how to run a community consultation and how to communicate with local communities effectively.

## Running events

We cover what you need to consider when planning community events.



# Optional Content



To find out more, visit [scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/nextdoor-nature](http://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/nextdoor-nature)



**Nextdoor Nature is bringing communities together to help nature flourish where they live and work!** Thanks to £5million funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Nextdoor Nature will provide people with the advice and support they need to help nature on their doorstep and leave a lasting natural legacy to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.