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YORK ENVIRONMENT WEEKS 2024

**14 September
to 12 October**



PROGRAMME

WELCOME

To York Environment Weeks 2024!

We're delighted to be back for a fifth year of events showcasing climate and environmental action in York. Following the success of YEW23, when we hosted a bigger programme than ever before, this year's festival of green events is spread across four weeks, from 14th September to 12th October.

YEWs helps to raise awareness of how people and groups in York are working hard to tackle climate change, increase biodiversity and make the city more sustainable. With four weeks of varied events across the city, there are more opportunities than ever to connect with others and get involved.

We're thrilled to see such a diverse range of events in this year's festival, including both familiar faces and brand new event organisers. And for the first time in 2024 we also have a festival within a festival: **York Opens Green Spaces (YOGS)** on the weekends of 28-29th September and 5-6th October.

As you explore the YEWs24 programme, we invite you to discover a new community of like-minded people and to start making a difference for the better. When we take action together, we can achieve so much more.

We hope you enjoy and learn from YEWs24. We would love to hear from you about what went well and how we could do better, so please get in touch.

YEWs24
volunteer
Team

EVENTS

Sunday 15 September

13:00-16:00 | Hello Autumn!

Enjoy apple-themed fun, crafts, storytelling, nature walks, and more at the Autumn Fayre in Rowntree Park. Booking online needed for some events.

14:00-15:30 | Open Garden

at the Nose. Sustainable crafting fun with Planet Southbank at St Clements Church, Scarcroft Road. Drop-in.

Tuesday 17 September

09:00-16:30 | Practical conservation volunteer.

Interesting and varied conservation tasks working in groups across York and surrounding areas with The Conservation Volunteers (TCV). Meet at Tang Hall Community Centre. To book email york@tcv.org.uk

Wednesday 18 September

09:00-16:30 | Practical conservation volunteer

with TCV. See Tuesday 17 September.

10:00-12:30 | Forty Years of Wildlife Gardening.

Learn how to manage a wildlife garden from a veteran in the field, as Vanessa Cook shares her experience of 40 years of wildlife gardening at Stillingfleet Lodge Gardens YO19 6HP - meet at entrance hut. Book online.

12:00-13.00 | Edible York at Peasholme Green, YO1 7PW.

Inner city gardening - herbs, wildlife, apples - inspiration and advice from the Edible York team. Drop-in.

18:30-19:30 | Food lovers in York - zero waste heroes!

Come and be inspired by a panel of speakers on local food waste initiatives in York followed by a Q&A. Organised by Food Circle and Abundance. Tang Hall Community Centre YO31 0UG. Booking not required.

12:00-13:00 | Multi-sensory walk.

A nature-connectivity experience at University of York's green campus - soundscaping, biodiversity, citizen science and nature journaling. Meet at the Berrick Saul building, West Campus. Booking not required.

19:30-22:00 | York CliConnect Social & Networking.

Join us for informal chats within our growing community of climate and nature advocates. Micklegate Social (the Den). Book online, but can also just turn up.

Thursday 19 September

09:00-16:30 | Practical conservation volunteer. See Tuesday 17 September.

19:00-20:30 | Solar City York: Powering up our community.

Come along to an interactive workshop with York Community Energy to shape a community energy revolution in the city of York! Harriet Centre, York Cemetery, York YO10 5AJ. Book online.

19:00-20:30 | Motherhood in a Climate Crisis.

Exploring if and how we mother in uncertain times with Cli-Connect. Join a compassionate discussion and short story screening. Fairfax Corner, Bishophill. Book online.

Friday 20 September

10:30-12:00 | Hands on with the gardeners @York Minster.

Meet the York Minster Gardening Team making a home for nature and join in with a seasonal gardening task. Meet by the Sensory Garden near the Old Palace Library, Dean's Park. To book email sally-annl@yorkminster (limited to 6 places)

14:00-15:00 | Net Zero@York Minster.

A walking tour of the Minster's heritage estate with the Director of Works & Precinct taking in its ambitious projects and low carbon initiatives. Meet by the statue of Constantine, South Piazza. To book email sally-annl@yorkminster.org (limited to 20 places)

19:00-20:30 | Are Trees the New Fossil Fuel?

Join our screening to find out about Drax, how they harm people and the planet, and how you can take action to stop the world's biggest tree burner! Axe Drax at Spark York. Book online.

Saturday 21 September

09:00-12:00 | Introducing YoCo: York Central Co-Owned.

Come and find out more about York Central and YoCo's plans and help us to shape our next steps. St Barnabas Church, Jubilee Terrace, Leeman Rd, YO26 4YZ. Drop-in.

10:00-16:00 | York Open Eco Homes.

Visit one or more local homes that don't cost the Earth to run. Find inspiration for your own and learn from hosts' experiences of home upgrades with York Community Energy. Locations across York. Book online.

10.00-16.00 | Green Now and for the Future!

Eco Fair - multiple events across the day at church venues across north York. Talks, upcycling and sustainable fashion, arts and crafts, repair cafe, info hub, and much more. See full programme at: <http://www.hwmc.org.uk/ecochurch>. Some events are drop-in, some require booking.

Sunday 22 September

10:00-16:00 | Practical conservation volunteer. See Tuesday 17 September.

10:00-16:00 | York Open Eco Homes. See Saturday 21 September.

11:00-15:00 | Explore York's Green Corridors - Guided Cycle Ride to Riccall. Off-road ride along the Solar System route with York Greenways. 18 mile return journey. Bring a picnic or get lunch in one of Riccall's cafes/pubs. Meet at Millennium Bridge near gates to Rowntree Park. Book online.

14:00-17:00 | Get to grips with Climate Science. Work together in a Climate Fresk workshop and team game connecting the causes, mechanisms and effects of the climate crisis - with York CliConnect. Fairfax Corner, Bishophill. Book online.

Monday 23 September

09:30-12:00 | Green Business Forum: How to be a Standout Brand.

Learn how to futureproof your business, access new markets and be more sustainable. Run by City of York Council's Carbon Reduction team. Venue: The Grand, York. Book online.

Tuesday 24 September

09:00-16:30 | **Practical conservation volunteer.** See Tuesday 17 September.

12:30-15:00 | Terry Avenue and Knavesmire Allotment Corner Community Consultation.

York Bike Belles working with CYC, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and local residents. Discussion on enhancing biodiversity within green spaces in York. At Rowntree Park Gates. Drop-in.

19:00-20:00 | **Art in creation @York Minster.** An opportunity to reflect upon environmental issues globally and locally by using art as a starting point for discussion and reflection. Entry through the South Transept Door. Booking not required.

19:00-20:30 | Divestment - How to stop our pensions funding climate catastrophe.

Hear from trade unionists and campaigners active in the movement to divest pensions away from fossil fuel companies. Run by York Trades Council at West Offices. Book online.

Wednesday 25 September

09:00-16:30 | **Practical conservation volunteer.** See Tuesday 17 September.

Thursday 26 September

09:00-16:30 | **Practical conservation volunteer.** See Tuesday 17 September.

19:00-19:45 | Global Justice York - Towards a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

An online talk on the treaty that aims to stop the expansion of fossil fuels and ensure a fair phase-out and just transition. Booking not required.

19:00-20:45 | No Climate Justice on Occupied Land.

Greta Thunberg declared that there can be no climate justice on occupied land. A discussion with the York Palestine Assembly. Friends Meeting House Friargate. Book online.

Saturday 28 September

9:30-12:30 | Groves Repair Cafe.

Get your broken stuff mended for free - reduce waste, save money, learn new skills and meet new people! St Thomas Church Hall, Lowther Street, The Groves, York YO31 7ND. Drop in.

10:00-16:00 | YOGS A Green Safari.

A relaxed, informal wander round three of Heworth's public green spaces. Play areas, refreshments, children's art exhibition, and fairtrade stall. Start at St Aelred's Church car park, 216 Fifth Avenue, Tang Hall, YO31 0PN. Drop in.

10:00-13:00 | **ACT NOW! for a sustainable Acomb.** Community Eco Fair! Discover green tips, eco-products, workshops, and family fun. Celebrate sustainability with us! Acomb Parish Church Hall, Front St, Acomb, York YO24 3DW. Drop in.

11:00-12:00 | YOGS Edible Plants: Middle Ages meets 21st century York.

Step back in time - gardening in the Middle Ages with Edible York at the 'Barbican Beds', Fawcett Street corner, YO10 4AH. Booking not required.

11:00-12:30 | Sharing Ideas on Sustainability & Climate Action.

An informal 'show and share' event for schools/educational settings to build connections. Run by York Sustainable Schools Network. Melbourne Terrace Methodist Church, Cemetery Road. To offer to speak (5 mins) email georgia.ramsay@york.ac.uk To listen just drop in.

16:00-17:30 | Weedy Walk with Laura Potts.

A short guided walk on local streets to identify wild plants in pavements, kerb edges and walls, and their value as part of local ecosystems with Bishophillbillies. Meet Victoria Bar off Nunnery Lane. To book email laurapotts@phonecoop.coop

19:30-20:45 | JGS+ jazz trio present: The Useless Tree.

A jazz trio piece - The Useless Tree (after the Buddhist fable about humanity's relationship to nature), a live performance, Q+A at the end. York Unitarian Chapel. Booking not required.

Sunday 29 September

11:00-13:00 | YOGS Fairy bushcraft and foraging.

Join the Foss Fairy Trail at the picnic area to learn about the nature and vision of the trail - learn some new nature skills! Meet Picnic area of the Fairy Trail, access from East side of The Foss, Monkbridge A1036.

10.45-15:00 | YOGS Explore York's Green Corridors - Guided walk to Naburn Lock Cafe.

Walk along the Solar System route and riverside path to Naburn Lock with York Greenways. Bring a picnic or buy tea/lunch at Tea-by-the-Lock. Meet at Askham Bar Park and Ride. Book online.

14:00-17:00 | YOGS Nature crafts, nature trail and Garden Tour.

Come and see the new Community Garden in Haxby, with activities for children, or just have a look around and enjoy the space. Haxby Group Practice, the Village, Haxby, YO32 2LL. Drop in.

14:00-17:00 | Pulling the future in: Open Mic.

Join us for a creative response to the environmental future we want. Come to perform, come to support or both. Run by CliConnect at Micklegate Social. Book online but can also just turn up.

Monday 30 September

18:00-19:00 | Warheads to Windmills (Book Talk).

Join peace campaigner Timmon Wallis and Yorkshire CND online for a talk about his book Warheads to Windmills: Preventing Climate Catastrophe and Nuclear War, followed by a Q&A. Book online.

19:00-20:00 | Slowing the Flow with help from Beavers.

Why and how does Slowing the Flow work to reduce flooding and improve biodiversity? Better still, how will beavers effectively do it for us? With Mike Potter. Book online.

Tuesday 1 October

09:00-16:30 | Practical conservation volunteer.

See Tuesday 17 September.

12:15-13:30 | Tuesday Nature Rides with Bike Belles.

Inclusive bike rides (4 miles) focused on connecting with nature. Free bike hire available. Meet at the centre of the Millennium Bridge. Book online.

14:00-15:00, 15:30-16:30 | Cycling Without Age Rides on a Triobike with Bike Belles

Enjoy the green spaces thanks to volunteer pedallers. Start and finish at Cycle Heaven cafe in Hospital Fields Road, Fulford. Book online.

19:00-20:00 | Art in creation @York Minster.

See Tuesday 24 September.

19:00-20:30 | Beyond Drax: A Real Green Future for Yorkshire and the Humber with SBTC.

A look at new research on what a real green and just transition for Yorkshire looks like, and how you can get involved in making it happen! At Spark York. Book online.

Wednesday 2 October

09:00-16:30 | Practical conservation volunteer.

See Tuesday 17 September.

10:30-12:00 | Hands on with the gardeners @York Minster.

See Friday 20 September.

12:30-13:30 | Wednesday Nature Walks with Bike Belles.

Inclusive walks (1 mile) focused on connecting with nature. Meet in the middle of Millennium Bridge. Drop in.

Thursday 3 October

09:00-16:30 | Practical conservation volunteer.

See Tuesday 17 September.

10:00-12:30 | Save Energy and Money with YCE.

Pop along for free support on saving energy, managing bills and related issues. Enjoy short talks, info stalls and more. For ages 18+. Located at York Explore Library, Library Square, YO1 7DS. Booking not required.

19:00-21:00 | Calling female business owners: how can we make our businesses more green?

Hear from local business owners. For ages 18+. Run by CliConnect at Micklegate Social. Book online but can drop-in.

Friday 4 October

19:00-21:00 | Friends of the Earth Audience with Councillors

Take part in an in-person environmental Q&A with a panel of four leading York councillors. Submit questions via link on YEW website. Located in York CVS Main Hall, 15 Priory St, York, YO1 6ET. Book online.

Saturday 5 October

11:00-16:00 | YOGS Restoring Habitats for Nature.

Re-wilding a small space!

Short talk and interactive walks exploring the community orchard, future forest, insect corner and wildlife pond. Naburn Community Field, End of Vicarage Lane. Book online.

12:00-14:00 | Welcome to YorEnergy: Energy Solutions for Every York Home.

Join experts and community champions and discover energy-saving home solutions with YorEnergy. Located in Main Hall, 15 Priory Street, York, YO1 6ET. Booking optional.

12:00-15:00 | Marvellous Mushrooms: Appreciating Fungi in a Semi-Urban Landscape.

Enjoy an easy, circular walk around University of York campus, learning about the environment and fungi. With Darla Warriner. Meet East Entrance to the Biology Department.

16:00-17:30 | York Ornithological Club Nature Walk on University of York Campus.

Guided visit to wonderful green spaces, including lakes for birds. Meet on the footpath from Field Lane to Heslington Church. To book email robin.perutz@york.ac.uk.

Sunday 6 October

10:15-11:45 | York Kidical Mass. Fun, family-friendly protest cycle ride around the streets of York. For riders of all ages, abilities and cycle types, led by York Cycle Campaign. Meet at Hungate Reading Cafe, Bellerby Court, Hungate, York YO1 7AF. Booking not required.

10:00-12:00 | YOGS A Walk through Danesmead Wood.

Walk through the wood, learning how to increase pollinators, biodiversity and wildlife. Meet by the notice board at the side of Danesmead Wood closest to Broadway West. Booking not required.

10:00-12:00 | YOGS Explore York Urban Becks Restoration Project with St Nicks.

Walk along Tang Hall Beck, see restoration work and learn about the benefits of conservation. Meet at Bad Bargain Lane entrance to Heworth Holme. Booking not required.

11:30-14:00 | YOGS Plug Planting at Millennium Field with St Nicks.

Come and help create a wildflower meadow! Anyone can get involved - gloves and kneelers provided. Meet at Millenium Bridge, on the Fishergate side of the river. Booking not required.

12:00-16:00 | Southbank Street Recycle. A community trail of households putting out items in need of a new home, to be sold or given away. To enter a household to the trail - email info@planet-southbank.org.uk. Households involved will be listed online at Planet Southbank.

13:00-15:00 | #talkingclimate: A Toolkit for more effective Conversations.

Based on research from Climate Outreach, we'll share tools, practice with each other and get ideas you can try out right away. For ages 16+. Run by CliConnect at Micklegate Social. Book online.

12:00-15:00 | Marvellous Mushrooms: Appreciating Fungi in a Semi-Urban Landscape. See Saturday 5 October.

14:30 & 15:30 | YOGS Restoring Habitats for Nature. Re-wilding a small space! Short talk and interactive walk exploring the community orchard, future forest, insect corner and wildlife pond. Located in Naburn Community Field, End of Vicarage Lane. Book online.

16:00-18:00 | Defending our Environment: Protest rights and the law discussion. A chance to discuss UK protest law and policing and to hear the insights of local environmental activists. CliConnect Micklegate Social. Book online but can drop in.

Monday 7 October

19:00-20:00 | Geothermal Local Energy. An online event discussing geothermal energy as a possible clean, affordable and renewable home-produced energy source. Is it too good to be true? With Mike Potter. Book online.

Tuesday 8 October

09:00-16:30 | Practical conservation volunteer. See Tuesday 17 September.

12:15-13:30 | Tuesday Nature Rides With Bike Belles. See Tuesday 1 October.

14:00-15:00, 15:30-16:30 | Cycling Without Age Rides on a Triobike

With Bike Belles. See Tuesday 1 October.

19:00-20:00 | Art in creation @York Minster. See Tuesday 24 September.

Wednesday 9 October

09:00-16:30 | Practical conservation volunteer. See Tuesday 17 September.

12:30-13:30 | Wednesday Nature Walks with Bike Belles. See Wednesday 2 October.

18:00-21:00 | Delve into the world of biodiversity with the Biodiversity Collage. Join us in a game that transforms ecological understanding into an engaging experience. For ages 16+. Run by CliConnect at the Outside In, Holgate Rd. Book online.

18:00-20:00 | Visions of York's Future Economy. Join members of York Climate Commission for a chat and knowledge exchange with some of York's greenest organisations about getting to a net-zero world. For ages 18+. York Distillery, Skeldergate. Book online.

Thursday 10 October

09:00-16:30 | Practical conservation volunteer. See Tuesday 17 September.

10:00-12:00 | Climate change, Health and the Role of the VCSE Sector. Join CVS for an engaging session to improve understanding of why climate change is a public health issue, with experts and the VCSE sector. At the Priory Street Centre. Book online.

19:00-20:00 | Climate and Nature Hubs for York? Join us online to give us your views on whether York should have a network of neighbourhood groups and physical spaces to support community action impacting climate and nature. Book online.

Friday 11 October

19:30-22:00 | YorkCliConnect x Remedy: End of YEWs2024 celebration. Join for an informal social event at Remedy to celebrate YEWs2024! Run by CliConnect at Remedy, Fossgate. Book online but can drop in.

Saturday 12 October

13:00-17:00 | St Nicks Autumn Fayre. A jam-packed afternoon with activities for all ages, celebrating local organisations that help the planet, while enjoying nature's harvest. Located at St Nicks environment centre and nature reserve, Rawdon Avenue. Booking not required.

14:00-16:00 | Mother Earth drama workshop with Terpsichoring. Drama games ideal for families that raise awareness about climate change, protecting the environment and the role we play individually. For ages 5+. Located at 2-4 Millers Yard, Gillygate York.

Sunday 13 October

10:00-16:00 | York Open Eco Homes. See Saturday 21 September.

Tuesday 15 October

19:00-20:00 | Art in creation @York Minster. See Tuesday 24 September.

Full details of **York Environment Weeks 2024** events, including updates, corrections, additional events and booking links, are available via our website **yorkenvironmentweek.org.uk**.

If you don't have access to the internet please phone Louise on 07792 125 353.

York Opens Green Spaces (YOGS)

York Opens Green Spaces (YOGS) is a collaboration with the recently relaunched York Climate Commission, an independent body representing the city's public, private and civic sectors. It's the brainchild of the Commission's Connecting Green Spaces Working Group, which believes that green spaces are central to reaching our climate and nature goals.

More information: yorkclimate.org.uk

York Walking Festival Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd September

Featuring lots of interesting walks, with Walk Leaders, including many environmental themes like bird-watching, foraging, exploring York's Green Corridors, looking for bats, flowers, shrubs and native trees - and much more all over the city.

More information: itravellyork.info/yorkwalkingfestival

York 50+ Festival 21 September to 6 October

Including health walks in nature, this is the 19th Festival organised by York Older People's Assembly to share events and skills, enjoy meeting each other, provide testers of new activities, and aim to contribute to the well-being of older people.

More information: yorkassembly.org.uk/50-festival

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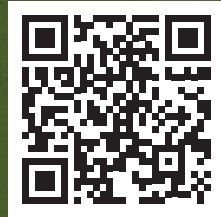
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