



Outcome: Environment

Group case study: TCV Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park

“A wonderful resource! My son and I come weekly. The children’s activities are engaging and educational – for both young and old. Thank you to the invaluable volunteers and their generous knowledge”

**Through the work of The Conservation Volunteers,
green spaces are created, protected and
improved, for nature and for people**

With thousands of new homes being constructed on the Peninsula, Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park is more important than ever to protect green space and the biodiversity of the urban area. It is also vital to provide space for children to engage with nature and spend time outdoors.

Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park is a 4-acre urban wetland site created in 2000 as part of a major government regeneration programme on the Greenwich Peninsula, bringing former industrial land back to life.

**93% of our volunteers are more connected to nature since
volunteering with TCV**

Source: TCV impact figures 2020





"Some children do not have a summer holiday away from London and the Ecology Park is their only contact with wildlife and the natural world."

TCV's summer programme is designed to engage families and children with the natural world by providing fun, hands-on activities, such as pond dipping, urban wildlife gardening, nature crafts, outdoor storytelling, scavenger hunts and guided birdwatching sessions mixed with bird-themed crafts.

The programme kickstarts a lifelong connection with nature, inspiring the next generation of conservationists and an understanding of how important it is to protect our environment.

Children and young people get the opportunity to get really up close with the park's many fascinating minibeasts, encounter tarantulas, hissing cockroaches and giant millipedes with 'The Bug Man', and try out their wildlife photography skills.



There is growing recognition of the vital role that urban green spaces play in addressing the physical and mental health challenges of increasing urbanisation and density of housing. Research demonstrates that positive experiences of nature and time spent outdoors in green space are directly linked to improvements in physical and mental health and can help tackle child obesity.

"We had a fabulous time doing photography, my granddaughter took photos, can't wait to see them."

The wildlife is amazing in such a small place and on our doorstep!"

Elizabeth, Event Attendee





80 species of bird were recorded in the park, of which 21 species nested and 11 species were on the BoCC4 Red List.

16 species of dragonfly and damselfly were recorded, as well as 23 species of butterfly including Green Hairstreak and Marbled White.

The park remains a vital part of the ongoing regeneration programme on the Peninsula and TCV work closely with The Land Trust to ensure the Ecology Park remains part of an integrated landscape and community.

"All children need nature to thrive and Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park is a fantastic place to introduce city kids to the natural world on their own doorstep.

Our summer nature activity programme offers children real hands-on experiences of urban wildlife that they will remember into adult life. I have worked at the Ecology park for over 18 years and still enjoy seeing children's natural curiosity and wonder about the smallest animals in the park - from worms to pond snails to dragonflies."

Joanne Smith, TCV Senior Warden

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