



MOUNTAINHALL

COMMUNITY GREENSPACE

May update: Happy Beltane

We hope you are enjoying the weather and finding time to be outdoors.

Apologies for our lack of communication since our Community Nature open day in March. Thank you to Miranda and Pippa, the wonderful artist and scientist who have been guiding this project since last December. Their time with us has now come to an end. We have been consolidating their end of project report and working out our next steps.

We would like to give you an update and an invitation to our Community Panel.

- **Miranda and Pippa end of project report.**

We are so impressed with the amount of work put in by Miranda and Pippa. In their short four months with us, they have covered a great expanse of work:

- Hosting engaging events and workshops.
- Created an accessibility map with areas for development on the site to make the space accessible to everyone.
- Developed an online community through Facebook, padlet and a mailing list.
- Forming our Community Panel (this is the community group who will liaise with the NHS and guide the direction of the project) which 29 people have shown interest in.
- Designed memorable branding.
- Identifying key areas of interest from the community for the future of the site.
- Helped the community create some really lovely pieces of artworks, drawings and poetry, in response to the site. There is the beginnings of a new writing group formed, if you are interested in joining please sign up here.

We would encourage each of you to take a look at the report here: [Project report](#)

If you interested in joining the community panel, there is still time and the sign up form is here: [Invitation to participate](#)

- **Online community.**

We have been delighted by the continued engagement on the Facebook community page. With special thanks to Alan who has been showing us the wonder of the site through his photography! You can see more of Alan's photos and to join the Mountainhall Greenspace Community [Facebook page](#) We hope you feel encouraged to add your own posts and stories onto this space.



Mountainhall Greenspace photos by Alan Sprung

- **DesignHOPES symposium.**

Design Hopes symposium held at Civic House Glasgow on the 22nd of April, brought together the different researchers from across the DesignHOPES projects to showcase their work. <https://designhopes.org/>

There were so many innovative, design-led research pieces which were all developed to help the NHS reach their environmental targets. It was great to see how our Mountainhall Greenspace Community project has inspired some of these design practitioners.

Including Laura MacLean with her Mosaic Landscape Game, some of you will have seen at the Community Nature Open day. And Konstantinos Petrakis at Strathclyde University, who has made an interactive map of the Mountainhall Greenspace.



*Konstantinos Petrakis - NHS Greenspace interactive map
DesignHOPES Symposium photo by Emily Tough*

- **Neighboring greenspace project - Medi-Flax: Growing Linen for Health.**

We would also like to introduce a separate, but neighboring NHS / DesignHopes project, in collaboration with [Elves](#), a new, local gardening group partnered with DG mental health.

This is part of a bigger DesignHOPES trial exploring whether flax, a plant used to make linen, can be grown and processed locally to support more sustainable textiles in healthcare. Linen is a strong, natural alternative to cotton and synthetic fabrics, and this project is a first step toward rebuilding a local, soil-to-soil textile system in the UK. We're especially interested in whether homegrown flax could eventually be used to make items like scrubs.

To learn more about Medi Flax head here: [Medi-Flax – Design HOPES](#)

- **Community Panel meet up.**

Our next Community Panel meeting will be at The Mountainhall Greenspace, depending on the weather we may have to move into the treatment center building. This is a great opportunity to learn a little more about the project, but mostly it's to get to know one another and enjoy being in space.

We will be joined by Laura MacLean at DesignHOPES, who will guide us through her tactile [Mosaic Landscape game](#). The game is a resourceful toolkit to help us emphasize and understand varying users of the space, and what adaptations they would benefit from.

This game has been designed in response to this project, and it is an exciting time to be using it as we enter this phase of the project with our new Community Panel!

Please select the dates and times you are able to join on this poll: [June dates for next CP meeting](#)

Dates are: 17th, 19th, 22nd, 24th or 26th of June. **Please let us know your availability by Thursday 22nd of May.** We will be picking the date most people can join.



*Mosaic Landscape game by Laura MacLean
Community Nature Open day Photo by Emily Tough*

We will shortly invite the community panel to meet the people involved in the Stakeholder steering group. This will be a valuable opportunity to connect, share perspectives, and build a shared understanding of the project. Guided by Propagate and DesignHopes, the session will focus on shaping our terms of reference, communication strategy, and plans for the future of the site.

We'll be in touch soon with proposed **August dates for the workshop**—please keep an eye out. We look forward to your input and participation!

- **Next steps.**

As identified in Miranda and Pippa's report, there have been a few key areas of interest to take forward. Chiefly, to address the accessibility of the site to which the Stakeholder group are searching for funding for.

We hope to showcase some of the beautiful artwork made during their time with us, and this may be at a dialectagram exhibition and launch.

We hope the writing group feels encouraged to keep writing and we aim to find ways we can support this further. Please express your interest here if you would like to find out more [Writing group](#)

- **Follow up survey.**

At this point in the project, we would just like to re-engage with you all to ensure all voices have been heard. If you would like to take the time to fill in our follow up [After report survey](#).

Thank you. We have been so pleased by the responses we have had for this project so far, and we're glad to be taking it into this next phase with you.

With best wishes,

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