

**Birmingham Settlement**

# NEIGHBOURHOOD FUTURES FESTIVAL



**26-28 JUNE 2026**



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# A Greener, Stronger Birmingham

**Sponsor the Neighbourhood Futures Festival 2026 and align your business with impactful, local climate action!**

Join us in making a real difference in Birmingham - your support will directly fund **environmental education, community-led initiatives, and sustainability-driven eco activities** for local communities.

In return, you'll gain **meaningful visibility, align with powerful environmental values, and showcase your organisation** as a champion of neighbourhood climate action.

For 2026, we're amplifying our festival impact with a diverse programme of intergenerational education, family-

friendly events, and dynamic arts - all set in our stunning three-acre urban green space next to Edgbaston Reservoir. **Being a sponsor will connect you with local communities** as well as other passionate, **environmentally-conscious organisations** and businesses.

## Join Us in Making a Difference

**Sponsor Neighbourhood Futures Festival 2026 and be part of greener, stronger future.** With opportunities ranging from £800-£2000+, sponsorship can be tailored to your business or organisation's environmental or CSR goals.

**Become a sponsor today, and play a pivotal role in making this transformative event happen.**



# About Us

Founded in 1899, Birmingham Settlement is one of Birmingham's oldest charities. We tackle social and environmental inequality – connecting and empowering people through action, activities and shared learning that builds & sustains wellbeing for all.



## The Nature & Wellbeing Centre

A unique 3-acre green space in the heart of the city. A place for community-driven environmental education and practical, hands-on learning, every day climate action and wellbeing. A tranquil yet vibrant setting where people of all ages and backgrounds can come together to connect to nature, enjoy creative outdoor activities, learn about the environment and take part in a range of initiatives for health, wellbeing and happiness.



## 2026 Festival Goals

Now in its fourth year, the Neighbourhood Futures Festival offers a unique proposition: blending cutting-edge climate science with real-world, lived community experience. This year's festival champions place-based action, spotlighting what communities are doing to mobilise collective power in the fight against climate change.

- Connecting communities to nature to **maximise wellbeing & happiness**.
- **Climate change awareness** through hands-on, creative, accessible learning.
- Enabling community action through **volunteering and participation**.
- A space for people of all ages & backgrounds to **spend time together & enjoy nature**.
- Tackling the enormity of **global environmental issues** at a tangible, local level.
- Supporting urban communities with realistic & every day ways to **'go green'**.
- Exploring the **future of urban green spaces**.
- Exemplifying sustainable approaches & **eco alternatives**.



**A breath of fresh and playful air! Friendly, engaging, creative and deep.**



Festival participant



# Sponsor the Neighbourhood Futures Festival 2026

Without the generous support of sponsors like you, the Neighbourhood Futures Festival can't happen. Your help enables a diverse programme that connects people, supports community wellbeing and unlocks environmental awareness for communities often excluded from climate conversations.

## Option 1: Be a Core Sponsor

You will be our 'Local Futures Partner' - a vital festival enabler. Your generous support will contribute to delivery of the entire festival - supporting a vibrant programme, marketing and promotion, staffing and site safety - ensuring a smooth and impactful festival for all.

**£1,800:** Your logo highlighted as Core Sponsor on all marketing materials, programme, social media & website, plus a festival exhibition stand.

**£2,000+** All the above, plus a complimentary wellbeing workshop of your choice in our geodesic dome, connecting your team to nature.

## Option 2: Sponsor a Festival Zone

Support our diverse performers, artists, and educators by sponsoring one of Neighbourhood Future's vibrant spaces! Align your brand - choose from the amphitheatre, geodesic learning dome, Nature Zone, or Bonga Tent to sponsor a one-off session, half day, or full day.

**£800 | £1,000 | £1,200+:** Your logo on the festival programme, website, & zone signage. Recognition as a supporter of the arts, environmental learning & education, community cohesion, health & wellbeing.



# 2026 Festival in Numbers



2,246 people attended over the 4 days, plus over 80 facilitators & exhibitors.



40+ environmentally engaged delivery partners including businesses and community organisations.



Over 80,000 people reached on social media through festival campaign.



100% of facilitators said the festival supported local participation to improve community wellbeing & sustainability.



50+ educational workshops, talks, demos, wellbeing activities & performances.



Over 700 hours of community volunteering and CSR support.

## Our Partners



# What to Expect



## URBAN REALITIES, URBAN FUTURES: YOUTH PANEL + Q & A

With Karina Kanda, UoB student & Birmingham Settlement 11am-12.30pm

Join us in the amphitheatre to hear from young advocates across Birmingham on the opportunities that lie ahead for their futures.

Sparking conversation and holding space for young people to discuss what urban futures currently look like in Birmingham and the West Midlands. Hear from inspiring individuals who are making change in the city, and help find solutions to urban challenges.

Own the future - your voice, your ideas, your impact! Talk climate, speak your truth - and be part of the change!

Learn more about our youth panel and the full day [here](#).



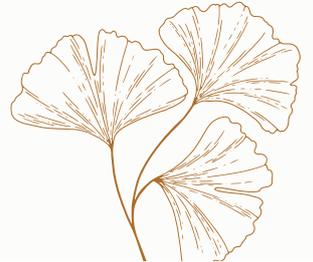
## FORESTS: PERFORMANCE & WORKSHOP

-With RoguePlay Theatre First performance 1pm-1.30pm & workshop 1.30pm-2pm, second performance 3.15pm-3.45pm & workshop 3.45pm-4.15pm

RoguePlay is an award winning contemporary circus company, creating a unique style of theatre using aerial and ground based circus, dance and spoken word. They produce shows centred around empowering women, advocating for inclusivity and the climate crisis.

Internationally-toured *Forests* packs a powerful punch, challenging forestry practices, our over-consumption of timber, destruction of rainforests and displacement of indigenous peoples. Be amazed as you enjoy fiery acrobatics and dance in this highly-visual family-friendly show.

*After the performances, stay for a workshop aimed at young people and families, explore birds, monkeys and bears before having a go at the acrobatics.*



## AFTER SCHOOL LITTER PICK AROUND THE REZZA

With CleanUp UK & Birmingham Settlement For young people 3pm-4pm or join us after school until 4.30pm

Litter harms birds, animals, and pollutes the reservoir and neighbourhood. It also affects our health, wellbeing and how we feel about where we live.

Join The Nature & Wellbeing Centre crew with Clean Up UK on an after-school litter pick around the Reservoir. Meet your neighbours, make friends and take action and help protect local wildlife and green spaces!



## LITTLE ACTIVISTS: FOREST SCHOOL LEARN, MAKE & PLAY!

With Birmingham Settlement, 10am-5pm

Drop into Birmingham Settlement's Roots Forest School, open all day for fun in nature!

Get busy with nature crafts, family yoga, pond-dipping, minibeast safaris and fun on the festival field. Wild adventures await!

- 🌿 10.30am-1pm: Drop-in Forest School for nature crafts & play
- 🍷 12.30pm-1.30pm: Community Picnic & Play (BYO or grab from the Café)
- 🧘 1.30pm-2pm: Family Yoga with Ewa
- 🐾 2pm-3pm: Pond Dipping & Minibeast Safari
- 🌿 3pm-5pm: Nature Crafts & Wild Play in the Nature Zone
- 🏆 3pm-close: Family Sports & After-school Litter Pick

All activities are free and drop-in, some may have limited capacity at busy times.

## SEW SUSTAINABLE: MAKE A TOTE BAG!

With Mary from Birmingham Settlement Morning workshop 11am-1pm, afternoon workshop 2pm-4pm

Sewing is a brilliant life skill that helps you reuse, repair and get creative, saving money and reducing waste at the same time!

In this fun, hands-on taster session, you'll learn basic sewing techniques while making your own unique tote bag from repurposed fabric.

Whether you're totally new to sewing or want to refresh your skills, this is a great way to start thinking about how we can all make simple, sustainable choices in everyday life.

- 🧵 All materials provided.
- 📅 Booking required at the Festival Information Point - spaces are limited!





Birmingham Settlement Nature & Wellbeing Centre, 79 Selwyn Road, Edgbaston Reservoir, B16 0SL



# Festival Legacy

- Improved community **health and wellbeing**.
- **New partnerships and collaborations** to share best practice and learning locally, nationally, globally.
- **Increased participation in volunteering**, CSR reach & community action.
- **Neighbourliness and community building** - connections and sense of togetherness.
- **Climate change awareness** & realistic change applied to people's homes & lives.
- **Place-based climate resilience for the city & future generations.**

## Sponsor Now!

We would love to talk to you about your support for the 2025 Neighbourhood Futures Festival.



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## Other Ways to Support Us

Get involved with corporate volunteering, hire one of our unique spaces immersed in nature for your team meeting or away day, book a wellbeing workshop or staff training. Contact us!