



WFGA NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2021

Welcome to our first newsletter, for all members of our 28 member organisations. If your organisation has an open event coming up you can get free publicity in a future edition simply by emailing us the details at wfgall@protonmail.com. With a combined WFGA membership of nearly 4,000 that means a lot of recipients! Last date for inclusion in the October newsletter is 26th September. Please put 'Newsletter' in the subject line.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WFGA September Workshop - "Act On Energy"

Thursday 16th September

An online discussion featuring Richard Millward of Act on Energy, chaired by Janice Bell of the Green Party and supported by WFDC.

In order to reach to reach zero carbon targets, older housing stock, i.e. the majority of our houses, will need to retrofit renewable heating. This is a valuable opportunity to learn about the options.

The link to enrol for the workshop is:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/renewable-heating-what-are-the-options-tickets-167704497667>

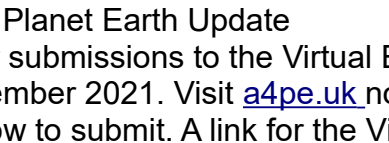
WFGA October Workshop - "Echoes of the Future"

7:30pm Thursday 7th October

Symposium held in 2071 looking back at events in the UK over the last 50 years - presented by the U3A Environmental Group

More workshops in the pipeline! We welcome your ideas for future workshops. And if your member organisation would like to host a workshop please email us your proposals.

Kidderminster Country Market – 10:30am 4th Sept



Local producers of food, plants, art and crafts will have plenty on offer at their regular Youth House venue in Bromsgrove Street, DY10 1PF.

WFGA Art 4 Planet Earth Update

Last date for submissions to the Virtual Exhibition is end of September 2021. Visit a4pe.uk now for full details on how to submit. A link for the Virtual Exhibition will be sent out to everyone in mid October.

Live Exhibition dates and venues:

St George's Hall, Bewdley 4th -15th October 2021

Kidderminster College 18th - 22nd October 2021

Stourport Civic Hall 26th October- 5th November 2021

WFGA Eco Hub Update

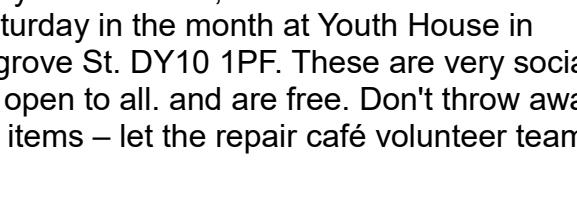
WFGA is actively working to create a Kidderminster Eco and Well-Being hub (the KEWB) in the town centre. We we are looking for local social enterprises, charities, small businesses and entrepreneurs to join us in this exciting vision to build a shared space to help Wyre Forest people to live more sustainably and healthily while addressing issues of poverty and social deprivation. Email us if you want to pursue options.

WFXR - Support Camino-COP

The Camino to COP26 "pilgrimage" is a walk organised by Extinction Rebellion Faith Bridge and supported by Christian Climate Action. Beginning in Parliament Square on 5th September, "pilgrims" will arrive in Glasgow on Friday 29th October in time for the COP26 talks, bringing a message of hope. A branch of the walk will begin in Bristol in order to link up with the main Camino in Birmingham. This "Western Camino to COP" will pass through Stourport, where pilgrims have been offered accommodation at St Michael's Church.

WFGA & WFXR invite everyone to help provide a warm welcome to walkers as they arrive in Stourport. **ETA 3.30-4pm Friday 17th Sept.** Banners, flags, and anyone with a welcoming smile is welcome. We are hoping to have some live music.

TRANSITION – Repair Cafés now fully open



Local repair cafés are now up and running as normal, in Bewdley at St George's Hall on the third Saturday in the month, and in Kidderminster on the first Saturday in the month at Youth House in Bromsgrove St. DY10 1PF. These are very sociable events open to all. and are free. Don't throw away broken items – let the repair café volunteer teams fix them!

WYRE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST – Your Invitation

WCLT is able to host groups at their farm in the Wyre Forest, offering team building sessions, craft workshops, woodland walks and activities, conservation volunteering opportunities and much much more. If you're a local community group looking for somewhere different to bring your friends and fellow members, please get in touch with Daisy at daisy@wyrectl.org.uk or 01299 488083.

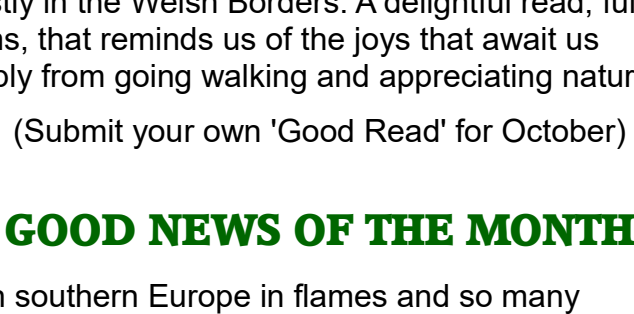
WFGA - Advance Notice

Sustainability Festival - 30th April to 15th May, 2022

The idea behind this is for local organisations (WFGA members and others) to offer up an event within the festival window. Publicity material will link all events and provide wide exposure for each one. So this will be not so much a WFGA event but rather a collection of member events. We ask all member organisations to think now about what they can contribute. Send your ideas to us at wfgall@protonmail.com – please put 'Sustainability Festival' in the subject line.

GOOD READ OF THE MONTH

Thinking On My Feet by Kate Humble

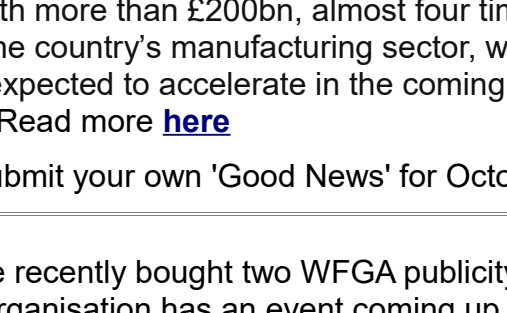


With so many people bemoaning their loss of foreign holidays this is a particularly apt and refreshing read. Kate off walking, just her and her dog mostly, and mostly in the Welsh Borders. A delightful read, full of gems, that reminds us of the joys that await us simply from going walking and appreciating nature.

(Submit your own 'Good Read' for October)

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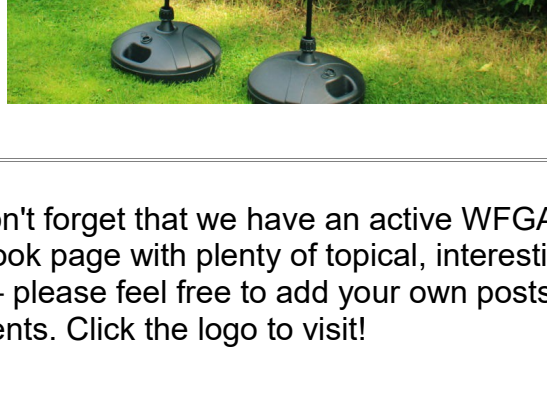
With southern Europe in flames and so many scientific papers being published about how even more dire the future is going to be, it can be very difficult to find cheerful news. But here is one item, a tiny glimmer of hope perhaps?



UK Green Jobs "The UK's low carbon economy is now worth more than £200bn, almost four times the size of the country's manufacturing sector, with growth expected to accelerate in the coming years". Read more [here](#)

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We have recently bought two WFGA publicity flags. If your organisation has an event coming up, you would be most welcome to borrow them.



And don't forget that we have an active WFGA Facebook page with plenty of topical, interesting posts – please feel free to add your own posts or comments. Click the logo to visit!



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