



## Announcing Nature2020

Throughout 2020, our local landscape will be coming alive with events celebrating the unique habitats and species of our natural environment as part of Nature2020.

Nature2020 events connecting people and nature will be springing up throughout the year and across The Living Coast, Brighton & Lewes Downs UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.

Supported by Brighton & Hove City Council, a coalition of local environmental organisations has set up Nature2020 to celebrate the richness and significance of the local environment, and actively engage more people in the care and conservation of local nature.

This year marks the end of the UN Decade on Biodiversity, and is an opportunity to reflect on the state of wildlife and conservation both globally and locally. The Nature2020 programme aims to raise awareness of, and connect people to, the environment we live and work in.

Flagship events so far include:

- Brighton Festival Children's Parade - 'Nature's Marvels'
- Global City Nature Challenge
- Wildflower planting in Westdene
- Youth Biodiversity Conference
- Children's art exhibitions at ONCA and at schools in the region
- The Living Coast Biosphere conference

The full calendar, which is being added to on a regular basis, can be found at: [www.nature2020.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.nature2020.org.uk/whats-on) Any organisation or group interested hosting their own event as part of Nature2020 is welcome to submit their details via the portal on the website (conditions apply).

What could you do to help biodiversity in your area in 20 seconds? 20 minutes? 20 hours? 20 days? Make a difference in 2020 and beyond! Share your ideas and achievements via Twitter - Nature2020 @2020nature, also on Facebook/Nature2020

“UNESCO World Biospheres are designated as global examples of sustainable development, with nature conservation, environmental engagement and education as part of their key purpose. Nature2020 is a fantastic opportunity for everyone to celebrate and learn about our world class environment of Downs, towns and coast, bringing people and nature together to inspire a positive future, today. Together we are The Living Coast.’”

- Sarah Dobson, The Living Coast Biosphere Programme Manager

## **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

### **Who's involved?**

The Nature 2020 Steering Group includes the following organisations:

Big Nature

Sussex Wildlife Trust

ONCA

Brighton & Hove City Council

Royal Pavilion & Museums

Butterfly Conservation (Sussex)

University of Sussex

University of Brighton

The Living Coast UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve

### **About The Living Coast Biosphere:**

The Living Coast is Brighton & Lewes Downs UNESCO World Biosphere Region, stretching from the Adur to the Ouse and North over the Downs to Ditchling. We are one of only 7 Biospheres in the UK, and the only UK Biosphere to contain a large urban environment as well as rural and marine. UNESCO Biospheres are designated to be international exemplars of sustainable development with 3 core themes: nature conservation; sustainable socio-economic development, and environmental education and awareness. To find out more about The Living Coast, please see: [www.thelivingcoast.org.uk](http://www.thelivingcoast.org.uk)