

Global Green City Update

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AIPH Announces Date and Venue for the 2024 AIPH World Green City Awards Ceremony



The AIPH World Green City Awards 2024 presentation ceremony, in the form of a dedicated gala dinner, will take place at the [Future Green City World Congress](#). Set to be hosted on 25th September 2024, the ceremony will take place at the [Royal Jaarbeurs](#) in the heart of the City of Utrecht, Netherlands. The momentous occasion forms an integrated part of the official [programme](#) of the Congress: a global four-day event for experts from around the world to connect, learn, and share ideas for shaping greener cities of the future. You are invited to join us in Utrecht- Early-bird tickets are now available- you don't want to miss out!

[Read more](#)[Get your tickets](#)

AIPH and GYBN proudly Announce the Youth Jury for the AIPH World Green City Awards 2024



Youth Jury for the AIPH Youth Award 2024

Inspiring a lasting legacy for green cities of the future



In partnership with the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN), AIPH is proud to unveil the 15 members of the Youth Jury who will select the shortlist and winner of the first AIPH Youth Award from the 21 Finalists in the AIPH World Green City Awards 2024. The Youth Jury boasts members from around the world who will select a shortlist of three entries and the winner of the AIPH Youth Award: the top entry most likely to inspire the youth and fulfil their needs for a secure, healthy future.

[Read the press release](#)[Meet the Youth Jury](#)

AIPH Global Green City Forum

We're creating a calendar for 2024 - and we invite your participation. Join the AIPH Global Green City Forum and share the events that you are organising, interested in, or are planning to attend. Together, we hope to build a useful resource of key dates in the global Green City space throughout the year.

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News & Events

“Living Green, Liveable Cities” Research Symposium

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Prominent researchers from around the globe will present their findings on the health benefits of urban greening at the AIPH 'Living Green, Liveable Cities' Research Symposium on 4-5 February 2024 at Expo 2023 Doha, Qatar. These full research articles will be published in a special Cities&Health journal issue with the same name, which will be online [here](#). The subject investigates the science & practice of creating liveable & healthy city environments through urban greening. Contact audrey.timm@aiph.org to find out about complimentary registration packages.

[Find out more](#)

Green City Conference and Announcement of AIPH World Green City Awards 2024 Finalists

You're invited to join us at the AIPH Green City Conference, themed “City Greening Solutions for Arid Environments” on 5th and 6th March in Doha, Qatar as an integral part of the AIPH Spring Meeting 2024 running from 3-7 March 2024 alongside Expo 2023 Doha, Qatar. It is on this occasion that AIPH will announce the 21 Finalists of the AIPH World Green City Awards 2024.

[Find out more](#)[Register now](#)

Share Your Love of Nature in the #NatureForAll Love Fest

From 3-14 February 2024, you're invited to take part in the #NatureForAll Love Fest, a celebration of love and action for nature that will encompass several activities and events, from local partner activities to global virtual dialogues. Are you planning an event in February that celebrates love of and action for nature? Find out how you can get involved today!

[Find out more](#)

TNOC Festival 2024

The 2024 edition of the annual TNOC Festival is a 3-week series of interconnected events which promises to be knowledge-centred, knowledge-led, and action-driven. The 2024 theme of “Action” focuses attention on translating knowledge to results on the ground, with the programme designed to push the boundaries of collaborative engagement and draw urban thought leaders and change-makers together to build better cities.

[Find out more](#)

Save the Date for the World Green Infrastructure Congress

The University of Auckland, in collaboration with Design for Nature and the World Green Infrastructure Network will be hosting the 11th World Green Infrastructure Congress in Auckland, New Zealand from 3 – 5 September 2024. The event aims to catalyse the use of nature-based solutions in urban environments with 600 delegates expected to exchange knowledge on green infrastructure strategy, policy, research, design and technology.

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Call for Proposals: Urban Agriculture Magazine

RUAE, in collaboration with the European Forum on Urban Agriculture (EFUA), invites proposals from urban agriculture practitioners and experts around the world to contribute to the 41st issue of Urban Agriculture Magazine (UAM), on the topic of 'Next Practices & Future Policies for Urban Agriculture'. To submit a proposal, you are asked to send a short abstract (max. 500 words) to j.halliday@ruaf.org and s.smaal@aeres.nl by 11th February 2024.



AIPH Member's Green City Reports

AIPH requests each of its members from around the world to provide an annual Green City Report. The reports describe industry-led initiatives, major green city projects, policy developments, community activities, and research publications, which are featured in this section.



Association of German Tree Nurseries (BdB)



The Association of German Tree Nurseries (BdB) eV is the professional association and interest group for tree nurseries in Germany. As a representative of around 1,000 affiliated companies, the BdB has the task of strengthening the tree nursery industry internally and externally, making it competitive, and keeping it competitive. BdB collaborates with the German Conference of Garden Authorities (Deutsche Gartenamtsleiterkonferenz, GALK) to select 'future trees for the city' from its list of road-side trees. The GALK list has been maintained and regularly revised since the 1970s and takes the aspect of climate robustness into account. This list is also a reference for scientific research.

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Policy

Harnessing the Public Health Benefits of Urban Trees



Imagine if there were one simple action city leaders could take to reduce obesity and depression, improve productivity, boost educational outcomes and reduce incidence of asthma and heart disease among their residents. Urban trees have the potential to deliver these public health benefits and more. This white paper identifies street trees as one of the most overlooked strategies for improving public health in our cities.

[Read more](#)

Multifunctional Urban Green Infrastructure



Green infrastructure has become a hot topic all around the globe. The World Green Infrastructure Network's book helps to expand knowledge about the associated benefits in the urban context to assist cities in making the case for integrating plants within urban planning, form, and function.

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Research Findings

Perception of Nature-based Solutions at the Street Scale



Alongside planting more in urban areas, successful urban greening also requires social acceptance. This study examined residents' perceptions of nature-based solutions (NBS) at the street scale. Overall, residents had a positive view of NBS, with some difference in expected use between green and less green streetscapes.

[Read more](#)

Creating Ecological Connectivity in Megacities



This paper demonstrates the use of innovative methods to map ecological opportunities across mega-cities in Southeast Asia. It demonstrates the potential for integrated green pathways and areas which support biodiversity alongside urban development.

[Read more](#)

Green City Principles

Urban InVEST: Designing Resilient Cities by Nature

Urban InVEST is a data and modelling platform that features spatially explicit biophysical and socio-economic models that enable cities to quantify and map the impacts of alternative urban designs on multiple urban ecosystem services, showing the benefits and

costs to communities by socioeconomic status and vulnerability.

[Check out the software](#)



Measuring the Ecological Performance of Cities

The IUCN Urban Alliance has unveiled a new knowledge product: the [IUCN Urban Nature Indexes \(UNI\)](#), which are intended to help policymakers, stakeholders and local communities understand their impacts on nature, set science-based targets for improvement, and monitor progress using science-based measures. An interactive digital platform is now available to cities who wish to participate.

[View the web platform](#)



Case Studies

Transforming an Urban Wasteland into a Magnificent Garden *Nantes, France*

An old Miséry stone quarry has been transformed into an extraordinary and lush garden with an incredibly rich plant palette adapted to the pre-existing micro climate on site. This urban garden is a fantastic example of how plants provide solutions which make our cities more resilient, more attractive and better places to live. The aptly named “Extraordinary Garden” project was a candidate for the Green Cities Europe Award in 2021.

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A Green (and Edible) Neighbourhood *Utrecht, Netherlands*

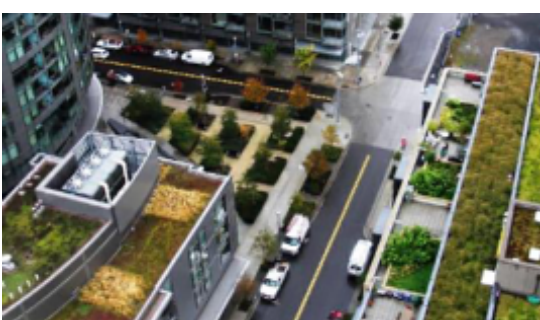
When residents in the City of Utrecht proposed an urban food forest, the municipality embraced their grassroots initiative. The urban food forest, which features over 200 species of (edible) flora, doubles as green infrastructure and offers multiple ecosystem services. Rijnvliet Edible Neighbourhood breaks new ground in urban planning by using participatory design to realise an entire new city district centred on accessible urban agriculture.

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Best Practice

Green Innovations for Urban Adaptation



Rapid technological change and the climate and biodiversity crises are challenges that cities are increasingly facing. Securing our urban future will test our ability to adapt. The [Green Roofs for Healthy Cities](#) “innovation” issue of the Living Architecture Monitor explores how the green roof and wall industry is innovating and adapting to increase market acceptance of these critically important technologies for our future well-being in cities around the world.

[Read more](#)

1 Million Trees: Belfast's New Tree Strategy



There are more trees and shrubs in Belfast than there are people, and the [One Million Trees project](#) is more than doubling that number. Beginning in 2020 with the backing of planting organisations, landowners and Belfast City councillors, the 15-year programme to increase tree cover is closely linked to the city's new Tree Strategy which will deliver 37 key actions over the next 10 years.

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International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH)

Since 1948, AIPH has united horticultural producers in an international community that thrives to this day. Much has changed in that time. Technologies advanced, cities rose from the ground, and we have become more connected than ever. As a result, our essential bond with nature has been weakened. AIPH strives to reignite and uphold an appreciation of plants that we believe is a basic human instinct. We support the work of grower associations globally and together we champion a prosperous industry, growing plants that enhance lives, advance societies, and sustain our planet, for this generation and the next.

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