

Fantastic Forest Festival

IMAGINING OUR FUTURE WOODLANDS

THIS SPRING, A RANGE OF PARTNERS ARE COMING TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE FORESTS AND WOODLANDS OF GALLOWAY. HOW CAN WE BETTER UNDERSTAND AND ENGAGE WITH THE TREES IN OUR LANDSCAPE - THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE!

27 January	Launch of Festival & Exhibition in CatStrand	Launching the festival and an exhibition of work by Donald Watson & Leeming & Paterson which will be on display at the Catstrand for the coming month. 7.00pm @ Catstrand, no tickets required. Drinks & nibbles upon arrival.
28 January	Can't See the Woods for the Trees	A friendly gathering with creative conversations and artist talks from Leeming & Paterson, exploring our woodland habitats. 10am-1pm @ Balmaclellan Smiddy. See Eventbrite for full info + book ticket.
08 February	Riverwoods: Do fish really grow on trees...	After watching the critically acclaimed and award-winning film together, an expert panel will discuss and answer any questions. 7.30pm film starts @ Catstrand, tickets via Eventbrite.
11 February	Investigating Galloway's Native Woodland	An introduction to the native woods of Galloway for anyone who would like to get involved in their conservation, whether through recording their wildlife, researching their history or campaigning for their protection. Presented by Peter Norman from SWSEIC. 10am-12noon, followed by a walk. Tickets via eventbrite.
15 February	The Lost Rainforests of Britain	Guy Shrubsole, author of 'Lost Rainforests of Britain' talks about his recent work and why the word 'rainforest' matters. 7.30pm, Online event, tickets via Eventbrite.
18 February	'Spruce Plucking' World Championships	If Spruce self-seeds in the wrong place, could it be plucked? A fun opportunity to get out onto the hillside, irrespective of the weather. See channels for more info. Starting 2pm, See Galloway Glens channels channels for more info and how to take part!
22 February	National Trust for Scotland: 'Treetastic' at Threave Nature Reserve	A day celebrating Trees on the Threave Nature Reserve, home to the Threave Landscape Restoration Project. Winter Tree ID workshop, creative tree crafts, tree folklore and storytelling, a tree trail, and tree planting. 10am-3.30pm. £3.50 per person, booking via 'Threave Garden and Estate' on eventbrite.
22 February	The Future of Woodlands in Dumfries & Galloway	How has Southern Scotland's tree cover changed through history, why our woodlands were originally established and how this is changing. 7.30pm, Hybrid event – in Balmaclellan Smiddy or Online, tickets via Eventbrite.
24 February	Imagining our Future Woodlands	Join us for conversations with a variety of different voices and communities of interest – local and national - as we consider Galloway's future woodland interests and ambitions. 10.30-3pm @ Dalry Town Hall, tickets via Eventbrite.
26 February	A Walk in the Woods	An artist-led, immersive walk in the woodlands with Leeming & Paterson, with a chance to look back at the activity of the festival. 10am-1pm, tickets via Eventbrite.

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