

## ECOSOCS FRAMEWORK

### WHAT IS ECOSOCS?

ECOSOCS is a programme in which Earthwatch Europe supports environmental/conservation university student groups to carry out and lead engagement activities related to our Tiny Forest programme. Activity types fall into 3 main types: forest maintenance, community engagement, and citizen science. All activity types can be run as community events or society events, in-person or online. The aim of ECOSOCS is to provide fun, rewarding, and career relevant development opportunities to university students that also support the aims of the Tiny Forest programme.

### WHO ARE EARTHWATCH EUROPE?

Earthwatch is an environmental charity with science at its heart. We drive the change needed to live within our means and in balance with nature. We do this by:

- Connecting people with the natural world.
- Monitoring the health of our natural resources.
- Helping people take action to have a positive impact.



### AMBITIONS OF ECOSOCS:

- ECOSOCS aims to create a community of ecological/conservation university student groups across the UK. To support this community we'd like to hold a regular student workshop/conference to bring together members from the different university student groups to share all the great work that you're doing and find solutions to problems together. As the programme becomes more widespread we have ambitions to expand the programme to include other Earthwatch citizen science projects, or to other countries where Tiny Forests are located, or in ways suggested by the community of student groups.

## **EARTHWATCH EUROPE WILL PROVIDE:**

Earthwatch Europe will provide support to the university student groups in carrying out these activities through:

- Dedicated email support.
- Online resources.
- Access to training and webinars
- Access to past training and webinars
- Access to the Tiny Forest portal.
- Where funding is available monitoring kits will be supplied.
- Access to the Tree Keeper Facebook group.
- A quarterly newsletter.

## **EARTHWATCH EUROPE CANNOT PROVIDE:**

Earthwatch Europe cannot organise your events for you, nor accept liability for them.

## **WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GROUPS AND THEIR MEMBERS?**

University student groups may take up the opportunities afforded by ECOSOCS as much or as little as they desire. When running community engagement events, or interacting with the Tiny Forest community in any way, university student group members are expected to uphold Earthwatch Europe's values which are:

- Driven by people,
- Powered by science,
- Connected to nature,
- Fighting for our planet.

## **RISKS OF INVOLVEMENT**

Any activity has possible risks associated with it. The activities in ECOSOCS may cause all, some, or none of the risks listed. Unknown or unexpected risks may also occur. Risks include:

- Adverse weather conditions
- Injury (e.g. from tripping, slipping)
- Rashes/reactions/stings/scratches/bites from plants or wildlife and associated diseases
- Falling tree branches

Participation in ECOSOCS is at your own risk and by joining the ECOSOCS project, you agree to forever release, waive and discharge Earthwatch, to the maximum extent permitted by law, from any liability they may incur in respect to any claim, suit or cause of action, arising from your participation in the Project.



## ECOSOCS TEAM

You may have contact with many members of Earthwatch staff during your participation in ECOSOCS however, the researchers overseeing the project (at this time) are:

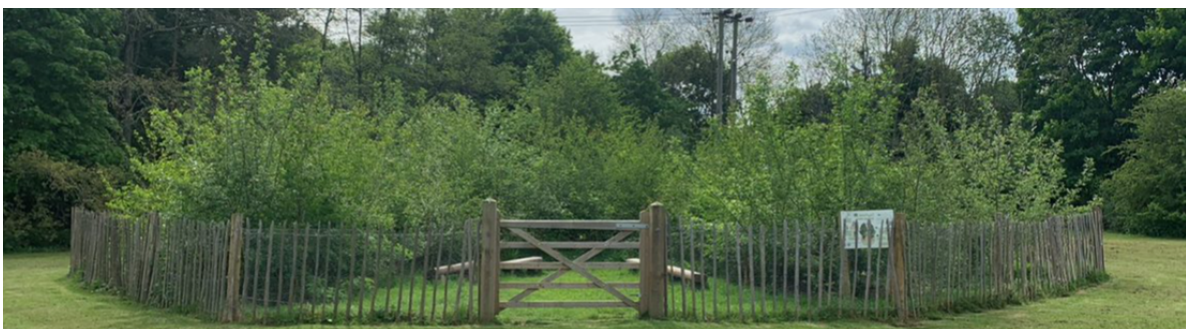
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- Dr Daniel Hayhow – [dhayhow@earthwatch.org.uk](mailto:dhayhow@earthwatch.org.uk)



## HOW EARTHWATCH WILL CAPTURE, MANAGE, AND USE YOUR DATA

Taking part in ECOSOCS may involve collecting private information about you (e.g. name and email address). Data sources are: workshop presentations (e.g. posters), text (including project social media), photos and videos, surveys, and interviews. This information will be protected in the following ways:

- All data is stored on secure systems – Earthwatch’s internal systems and IONOS Cloud Server.
- Stored data will be disassociated from any identifiable information and a unique identifier (UserID) added.
- All data is governed by GDPR and Earthwatch Europe’s privacy policy.
- Only Earthwatch Europe staff will have access to your identifiable data.
- Any changes to these systems will always be secure and GDPR compliant in order to protect your privacy.

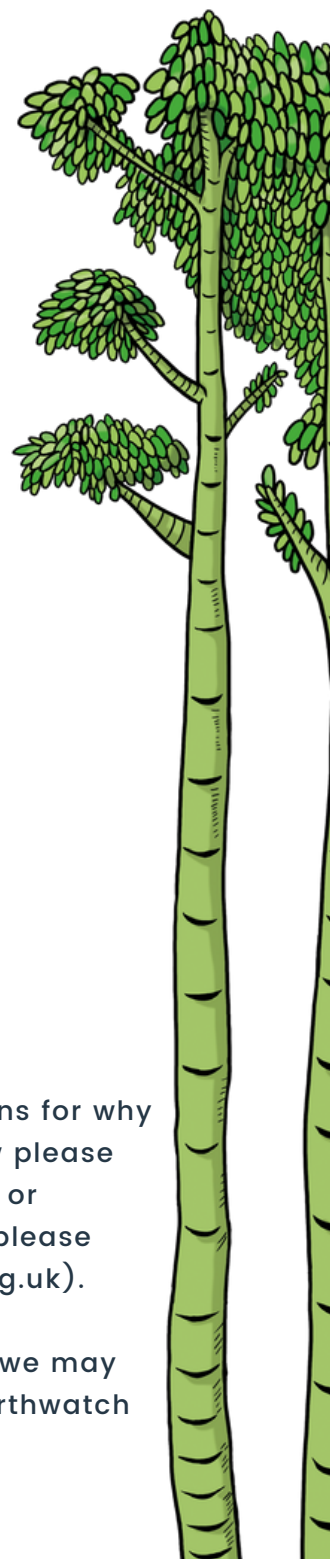


The data that you provide (i.e. thoughts on your motivations for joining your university society, photos of you participating in workshops and hosting events) is intended to build a successful, long-term ECOSOCS programme with university groups around the UK participating, and inform citizen science engagement practices and environmental management. As such:

- Data may be shared with external researchers and, when appropriate governed by legally binding agreements that protect participant anonymity.
- Anonymised data will be shared with open repositories allowing other organisations and researchers to use the data in their own analyses.
- Anonymised data may also be shared with Tiny Forest participants to perform their own analyses (e.g. data from surveys conducted on the Tiny Forest portal can be exported by participants).

Outputs from this study will not identify you unless we ask and obtain your permission.

ECOSOCS will gather 'mixed' personal data, i.e., data that simultaneously involves multiple participants and/or is irreducibly social in nature. In this case, mixed personal data includes multi-party conversation recorded in writing, social media messages between multiple people, group photographs, etc. We can only delete mixed personal data if all parties to it withdraw their consent. However, we will redact any data that identifies you in public presentations and reports of this research insofar as this is practicable and the data has not already been made public by yourself (e.g., posted on social media).



## PROCEDURE FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ECOSOCS

You may withdraw from ECOSOCS at any time and do not have to give reasons for why you no longer want to take part. If your university society wishes to withdraw please contact the researcher (Dr Claire Narraway: [cnarraway@earthwatch.org.uk](mailto:cnarraway@earthwatch.org.uk)) or [privacy@earthwatch.org.uk](mailto:privacy@earthwatch.org.uk). If you receive no response from the researcher please contact the Earthwatch Ethics Committee ([earthwatchethics@earthwatch.org.uk](mailto:earthwatchethics@earthwatch.org.uk)).

Upon withdrawing from ECOSOCS, if you have not requested to be forgotten, we may re-contact you to request your participation in follow-up studies or other Earthwatch programmes

## YOUR RIGHTS

You can withdraw from ECOSOCS at any time, without penalty by emailing: [cnarraway@earthwatch.org.uk](mailto:cnarraway@earthwatch.org.uk) or [privacy@earthwatch.org.uk](mailto:privacy@earthwatch.org.uk). If you don't participate in ECOSOCS you can still participate in Tiny Forest at [www.tinyforest.earthwatch.org.uk](http://www.tinyforest.earthwatch.org.uk). You have the right to:

- A copy of the information we hold about you;
- Withdraw consent at any time;
- Change your personal information;
- Request the deletion or removal of your personal information in certain circumstances, including where it is no longer necessary for us to hold it for the purposes for which we are processing it;
- Restrict our processing of your data if there is agreement about its accuracy or legitimate usage;
- Move, copy or transfer your personal information easily and safely from one IT environment to another, in some circumstances;
- Object to processing based on legitimate interests.

Please note that these rights are not exercisable in all circumstances e.g. personal data may not have to be erased if it is needed in the interests of public health, or to support legal claims, compliance and scientific or historical research.

You can enact these rights by contacting [privacy@earthwatch.org.uk](mailto:privacy@earthwatch.org.uk) and providing us with your full name, the projects that you have been involved in with us, and the action you would like to take.

## EARTHWATCH RIGHTS

Participant's participation may be terminated if the participant persistently or severely breaches Earthwatch's policies which includes but is not limited to:

- Posting of obscene or offensive language or material.
- Posting defamatory, abusive, discriminatory or hateful material or applauding or encouraging such material.
- Posting confidential material/private information.

Participants will be informed before such action is taken.

## REPORTING CONCERNS

If you have questions about your rights as an ECOSOCS participant, or you want to make sure this is a valid study, you may contact the Earthwatch Ethics Committee at the following address: [earthwatchethics@earthwatch.org.uk](mailto:earthwatchethics@earthwatch.org.uk). The Earthwatch Ethics Committee is comprised of internal and external members of staff and all projects are assessed by members not associated with the project.



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