



Black Seeds Network

2025 Review

Celebrating 5 years of BSN!



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Introduction

We are proud to celebrate 5 years of BSN! We bring you a review of what we have been up to for the last 5 years and celebrate our top 10 achievements

Our Vision

A powerful and inclusive environmental movement across the West of England. Driven by the leadership, knowledge and lived experiences of our Global Majority communities - ensuring equity, climate justice and long-term community wellbeing.

5 years of BSN!

Our top 10 Achievements

- 1. Building our Network
- 2. Telling our stories
- 3. Green Job Creation and Skills Development
- 4. Skills for Inclusive Environmentalism Course
- 5. Academic Book Chapter
- 6. Knowledge and Thought Leadership
- 7. House of Commons visits
- 8. Comms and Media engagement
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The Future

BSN has grown: from a network during a UWE placement, to a fledgling organisation, ready to take the next steps. We will investigate becoming a CIC. we now hope to set up as Community Interest Company

Challenges

Securing core funding. Funders can be confused by our incubation through Creative Connex

Introduction



The Black Seeds Environmental Social Justice Network

Created in 2020, Black Seeds Environmental Social Justice Network provides a platform for Global Majority environmentalists to socialise, gain support, seek opportunities, and develop innovation, knowledge and expertise on environmental issues.

Celebrating 5 years in 2025, we will continue to grow ideas and ensure more representation within environmental spaces.



Gnisha Bevan



BSN lead and co-creator, is a consultant, educator and producer. Gnisha runs the programme on a daily basis.

Roger Griffith, MBE



BSN co-creator, writer, lecturer and social entrepreneur. Roger has decades of experience in anti-racist community practice

Black Seeds Network is led by Gnisha Bevan with Roger Griffith, MBE. BSN has successfully grown through the incubation of Roger's social enterprise Creative Connex (CIC), and BSN is now preparing to move into a Community Interest Company (CIC) of its own.

What we do

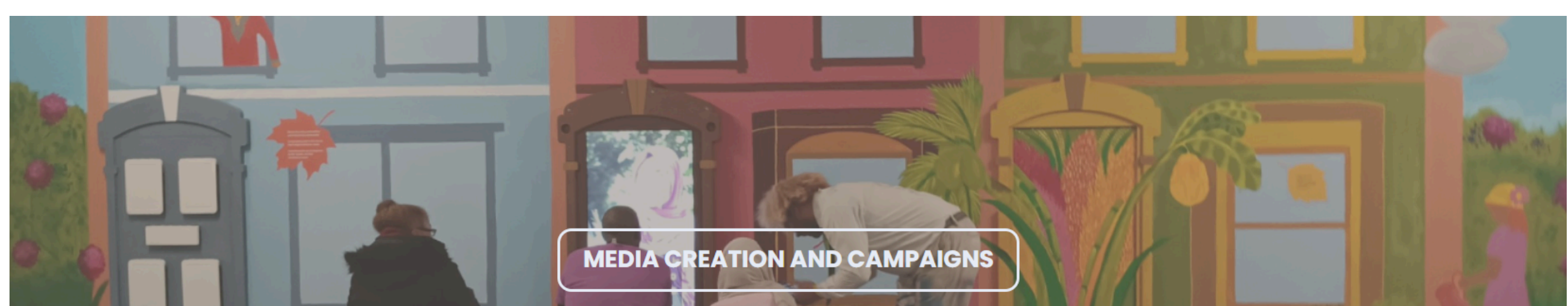
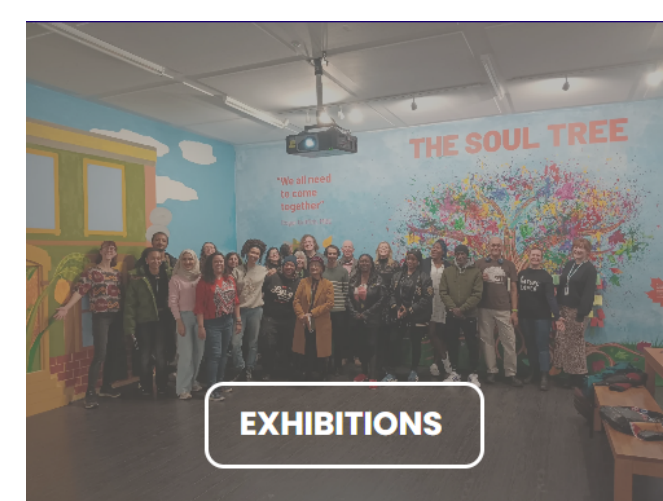
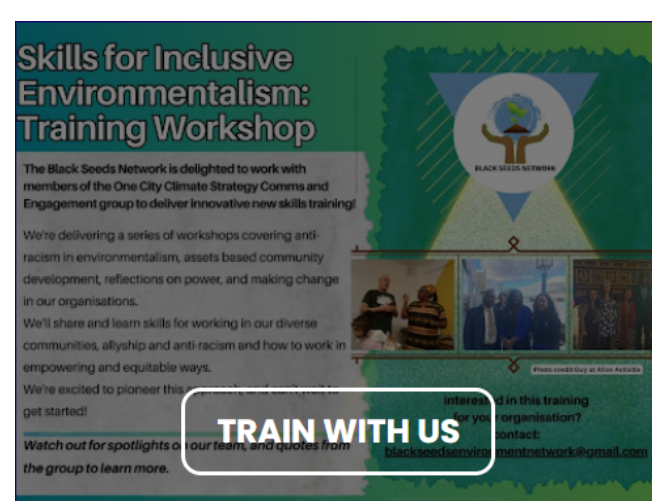


Our programmes nurture a new generation of environmental leaders and enable them to flourish. We seek to meet the need for engagement and representation in our Global Majority communities.

We coordinate and showcase new talent and bridge the representation gap. We co-ordinate a wealth of diverse, highly skilled people working within climate and nature, and we have listened to community members and the next generation of leaders.

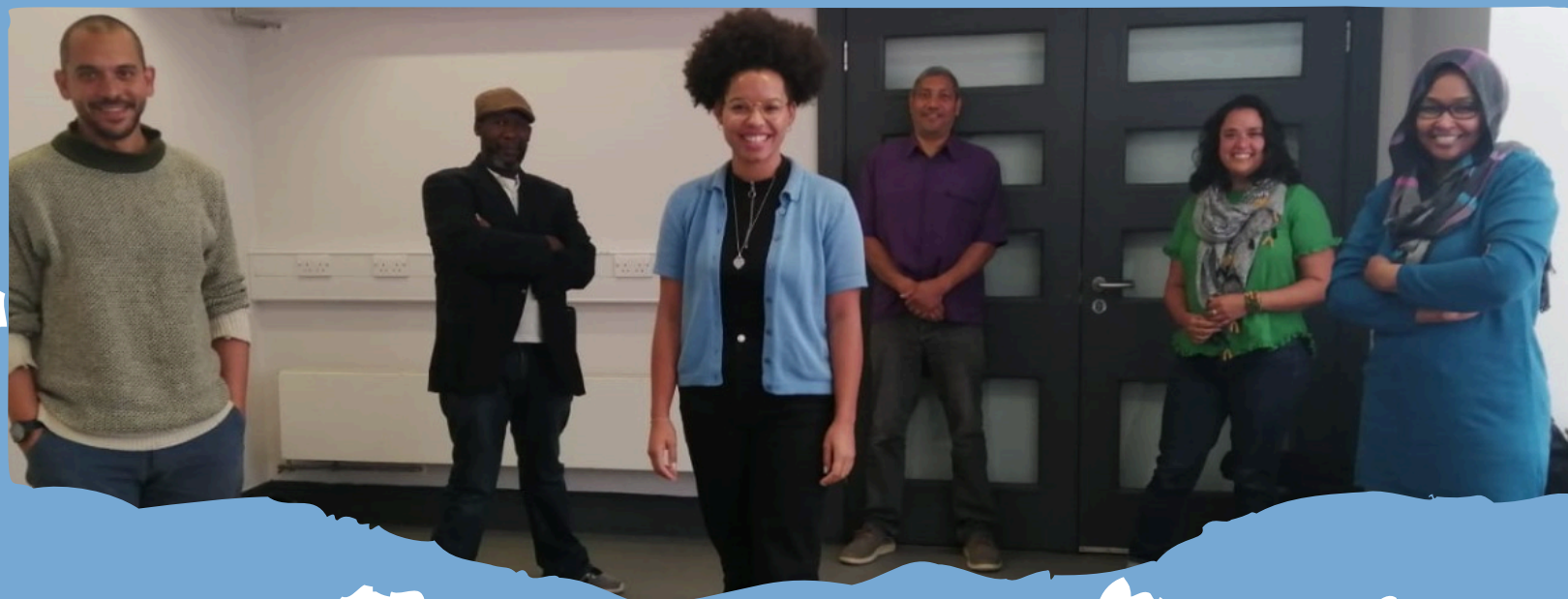
Our activities include: training, strategic consultancy, partnership management, skills development, networking & events, information sharing & online seminars, media opportunities, talent development, research assignments, marketing and communications, community engagement and cohesion, and developing regional, national and international links.

Our work



Our Story So Far

BSN emerged following Gnisha's UWE masters internship on the then Green and Black Programme - co-founded by Roger at Ujima Radio. After they co-developed the network, Gnisha investigated the potential of BSN for her action research dissertation, for which she was awarded a distinction.



Having successfully set up the Black & Green Programme in Bristol for Ujima Radio which ran for a decade, Roger now supports the Black Seeds Network. Gnisha, a consultant, educator and producer now runs the programme on a daily basis. Since then we have grown into a strong team of freelancers and experts



For the last 5 years, BSN has been incubated within Creative Connex, Roger's Bristol-based cultural organisation that nurtures projects connecting creativity, heritage, and social justice.



Through this incubation, BSN began to shape a distinctive identity and body of work, quickly gaining recognition in both environmental and cultural sectors.



THE CONTEXT...

The UK's environmental sector is still the second least diverse sector in the country. Global Majority people, despite bearing the brunt of climate injustice, remain underrepresented in leadership roles, decision-making spaces, and mainstream narratives. Too often, inclusion has been tokenistic; Global Majority people are invited as representatives without genuine power or recognition of their expertise. This has reinforced damaging stereotypes about supposed "indifference" of our communities to climate action.



The mainstream environmental sector is predominantly led by white leaders and boards, reinforcing the perception that environmentalism is a "white, middle-class issue." Yet UK Global Majority communities, and those internationally across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East face some of the most severe climate impacts. Our communities remain underrepresented in sector leadership despite being disproportionately exposed to air pollution, hazardous waste, and other environmental harms. Instead of focusing in on this, the mainstream sector often places emphasis on carbon reduction or wildlife protection rather than human and environmental rights. Research shows that this approach overlooks community-led, culturally rooted sustainability practices and creates a harmful disconnect between environmental policy, practice and the lived experiences of those most affected.

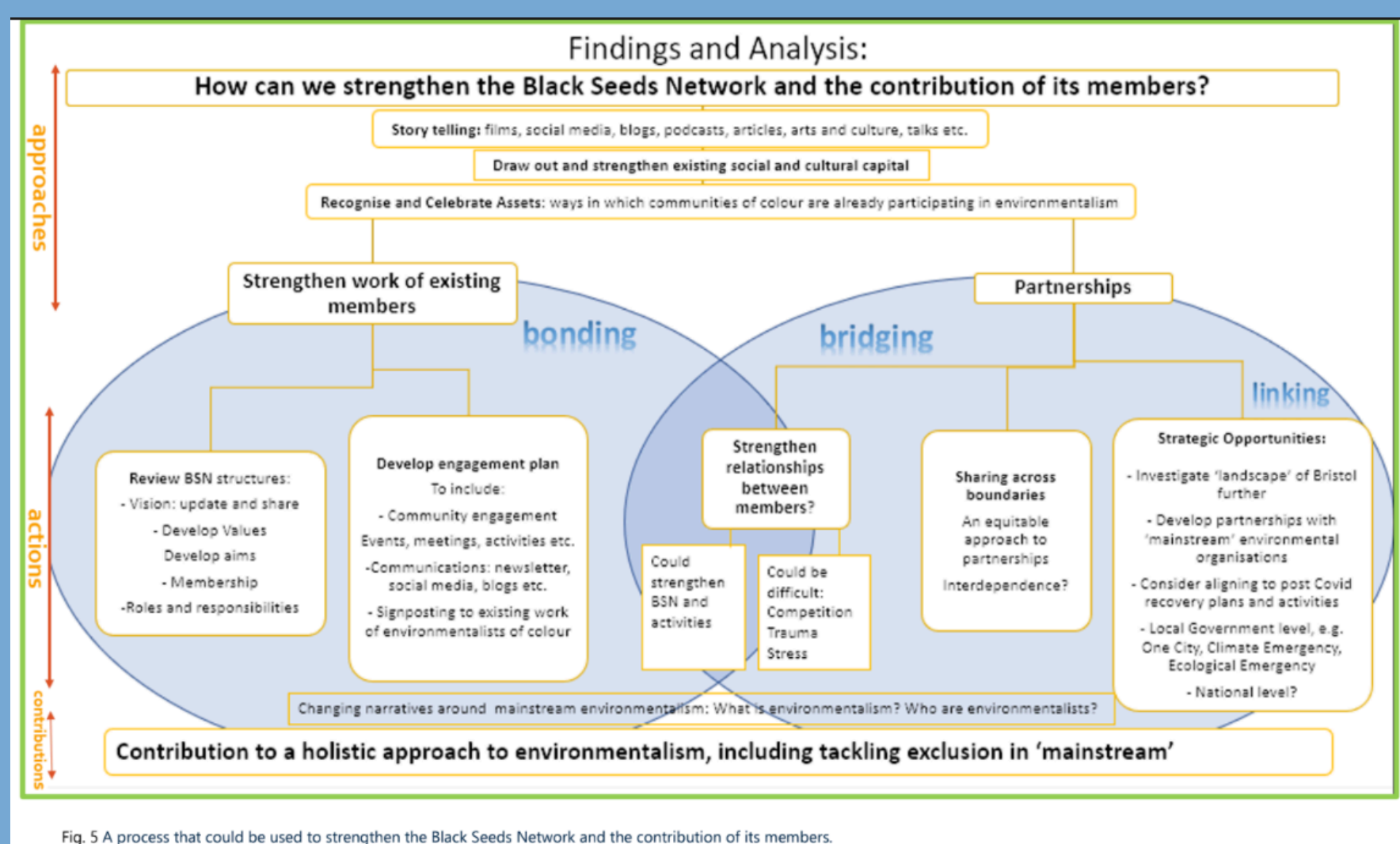
We seek to redress this systematic imbalance and take positive steps to create a new legacy in environmental activism by nurturing a new generation of Global Majority environmental leaders.



Our Vision



Our vision is for powerful, equitable and inclusive environmentalism which cares for people and planet across the West of England. We are driven by the leadership, knowledge, culture, heritage and lived experiences of our Global Majority communities - to ensure equity, climate justice and long-term community wellbeing.

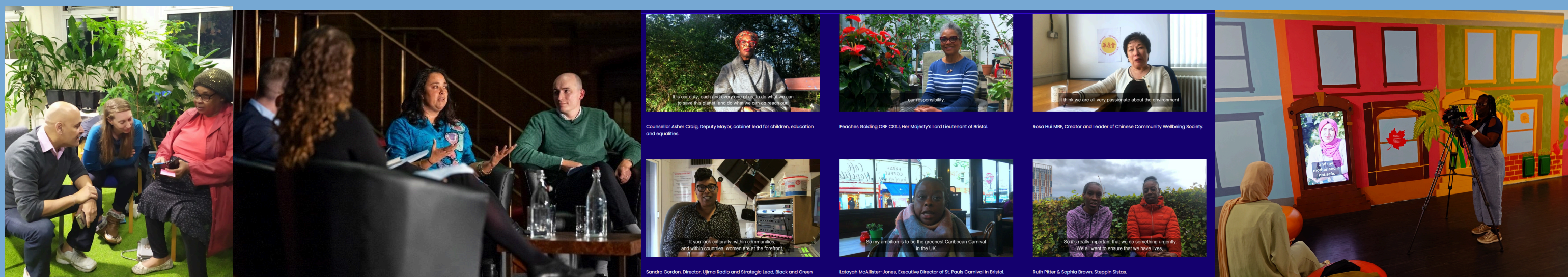


Our research on how we can strengthen our contribution to our members



Our Mission

To catalyse Global Majority communities to develop and lead environmental and climate justice efforts by delivering innovative education and training programmes, impactful community projects, creative media, inclusive consultancy, and by building a mutually supportive network to share skills and grow ideas



Our aims



Develop and promote a new generation of Global Majority environmentalists

Embody anti-racism practices and challenge negative stereotyping of Global Majority communities

Develop innovation within Bristol's environmental sustainability work

Ensure more representation in the environmental movement

Open up new opportunities for Global Majority Environmentalists



Our Priorities

Recognition

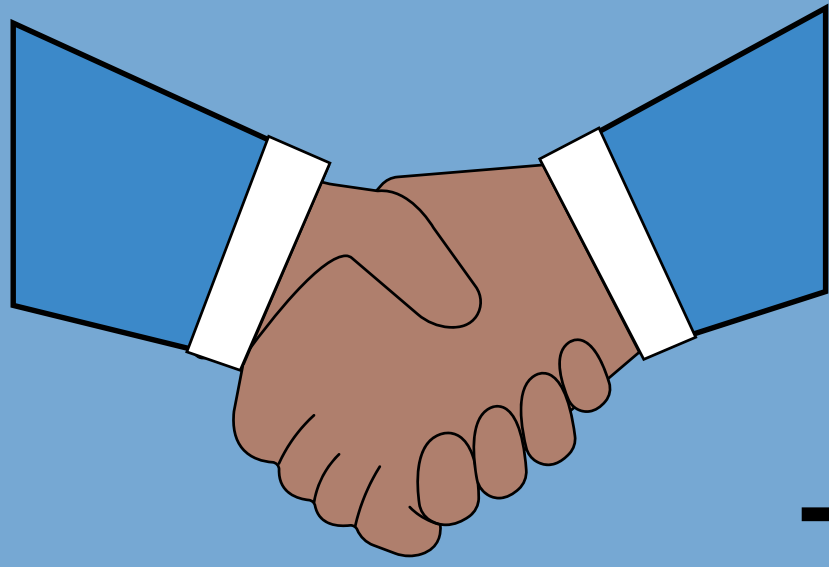
Resources

Leadership



Our purpose:

- Grow racial equality within environmentalism
- Recognition, Resources, Leadership
- Recognise existing Global Majority environmental leaders – shine a light on their work
- Develop equitable partnerships between 'mainstream' environmental organisations and Global Majority communities and find ways to resource existing groups
- Develop Global Majority environmental leaders – spread opportunities



OUR PARTNERS

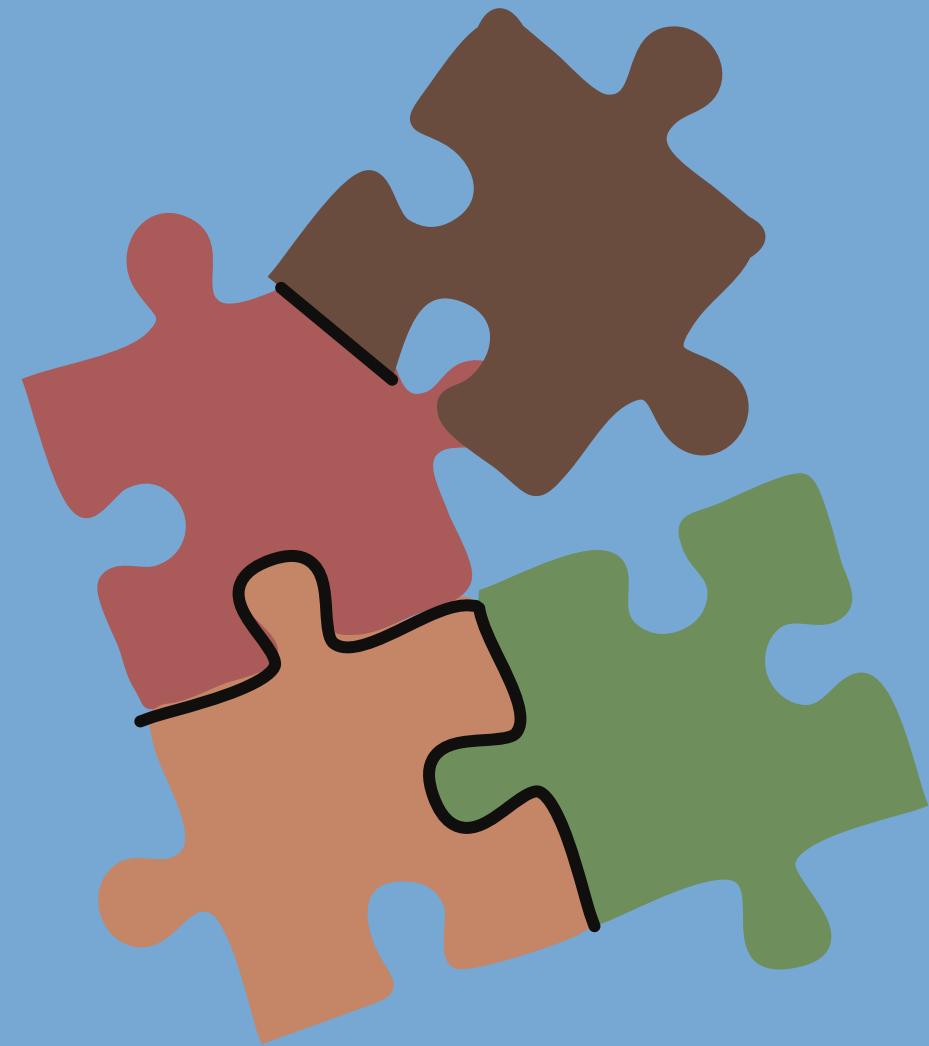
We have been delighted to partner with organisations and allies who have shared our vision!



**OUR TOP 10
ACHIEVEMENTS**

1 Building our network

From humble beginnings, we have grown to become a trusted and respected network of Global Majority environmentalists. Limited by access to funds and places to gather, we have instead chosen to focus on projects which centre Global Majority leaders and communities.



When we first began, many of the Global Majority people we met, said "I thought I was the only one!". People often reported feelings of isolation and frustration- demonstrating the need for us to connect, network and support one another.

Over the last 5 years we have built a culture that focuses on support and collaboration. We work tirelessly to open up and share opportunities for our communities, so that we can build a world that is both kind to people, and to the planet.

2

Storytelling



Creating and curating our stories

Storytelling is at the heart of what we do.

At BSN, we believe in the power of telling our own stories in our own ways. We are passionate about sharing the richness of our communities' experiences to make environmental action more relatable, inspiring, and exciting. BSN brings a distinctive and transformative approach to environmental work by combining culture, justice, and creativity. Through cultural storytelling—using film, photography, creative writing and exhibitions—we communicate environmental issues through the lens of heritage, identity, and personal experience. We ensure that the narratives shaping environmental action truly reflect the communities most affected. Using positive representation we place our people and cultures at the heart of environmental conversations.

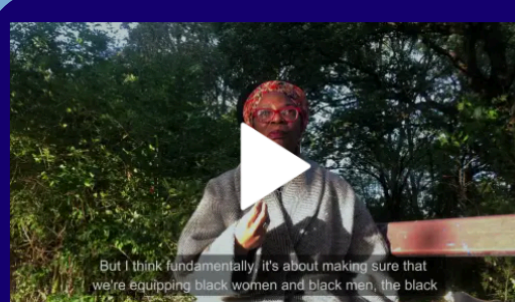
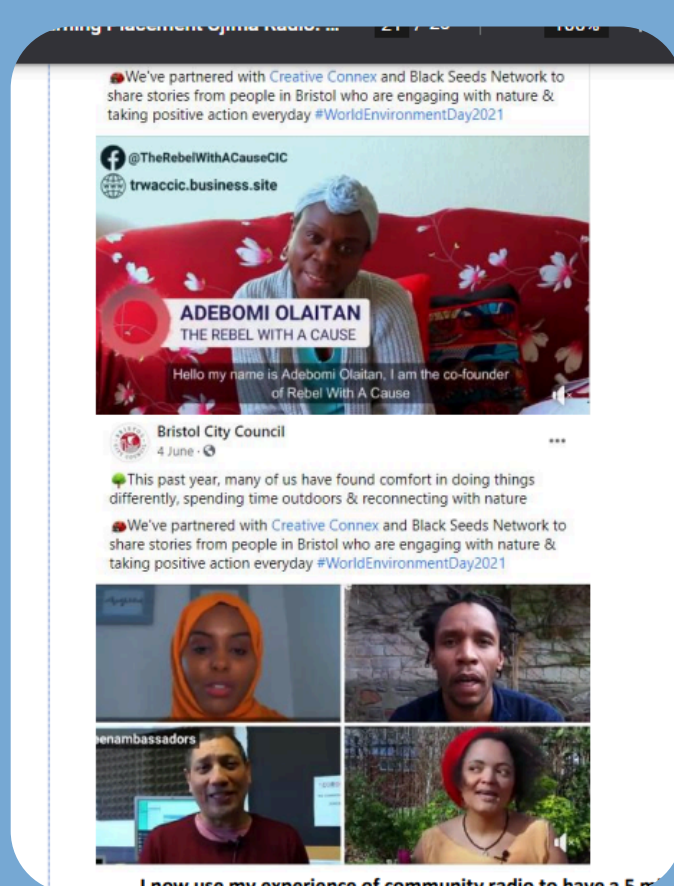


20 Films made so far!



Film and Media Production

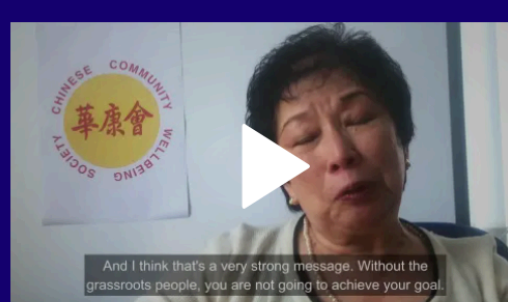
Working with our partners, we're proud to have produced 20 films so far on climate action. These include climate action films, films featuring Women of Colour leaders for COP26, and Nature Connex films by young people highlighting barriers and climate solutions. Some of our films have been shown on 'We The Curious' big screen.



Counsellor Asher Craig, Deputy Mayor, cabinet lead for children, education and equalities.



Peaches Golding OBE CSTJ, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Bristol.



Rosa Hui MBE, Creator and Leader of Chinese Community Wellbeing Society.

Impact: Increased recognition and representation of Global Majority leaders and communities in environmental work in Bristol and beyond.

Storytelling



The Natural
History
Consortium

Using interdisciplinary Arts and Creativity to tell our stories:



Uniting academics and community members through a shared love of nature, The Making Connections project used photovoice and films to find ways to communicate better.



The photos were then shown in a rolling exhibition which travelled to SGS college and Easton Community Centre before finally being hosted online on YouTube.

Run in partnership with the Natural History consortium, our project features as a case study in this 2024 British Science Association report. *"[The 2021] project with the Black Seeds Network worked with minoritised local community leaders who organise on the environment. From it, they learned to "showcase other amazing community work that ... people of different backgrounds are actually already doing, ... rather than very white organisations swooping in and saying you should do this."*



Impact: The project also opened up new opportunities. Benjamin James made his debut as a workshop trainer. Networking through BSN and NHC allowed Bristol Rainforest to develop a funded project with Friends of the Earth. They have placed rainforest trees in several schools since.

Storytelling



Nature Rising Exhibition

In partnership with We The Curious and Fam Films, Black Seeds Network were delighted to bring our landmark Nature Rising Exhibition to life.



Through our creative, interactive multimedia exhibition, we told the story of our joyful Global Majority led Nature Rising partnership, and the programme celebrating our work on nature and climate in the city. In an exhibition running for half the year, we brought long-overdue city representation to a major Bristol attraction with a million visitors per year.



Impact:

- First time that Bristol's Easton and St Pauls areas have been represented in this way.
- 7x Black artists employed
- 4 x additional team members employed
- WTC shared +200 free tickets
- Welcoming people who weren't able to visit before
- At least 3x family repeat visits. The children expressed a new love of science
- Legacy film and blog hosted on WTC website

Storytelling



Our Partnership with Fam Films

We have been delighted to partner with
Michelle Pascal and her company
Fam Films



Michelle and her team at Fam Films have brought film making excellence to our work at BSN. Together we have been able to tell relevant and inspiring stories from our communities. We also thank Tracey Miller for endless hours of editing!



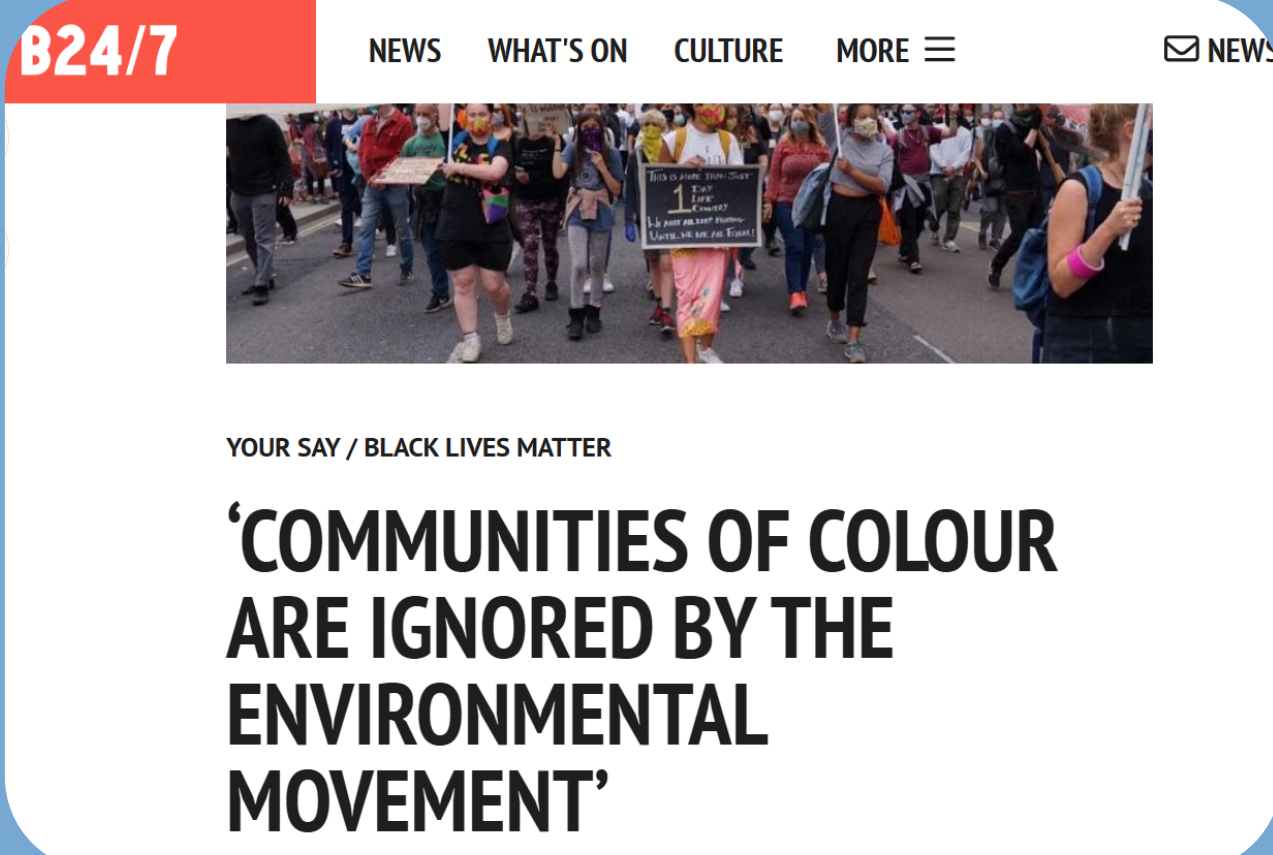
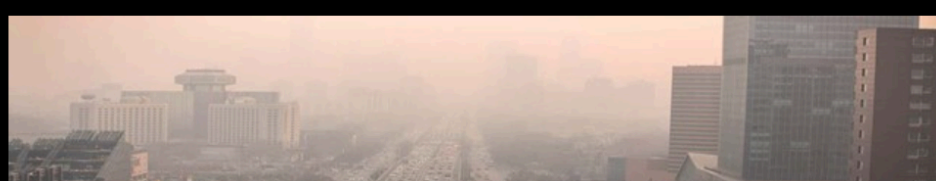
Working on film projects for Nature Rising, We The Curious Exhibition, Nature Connex we have captured important stories which are not regularly seen in the media or in cultural institutions. Michelle's role as **Creative Director** for our Nature Rising Exhibition brought our vibrant exhibition to life.

Storytelling



Writing

Our Health at Risk: Communities of Colour suffer worst effects of air pollution



Our passion for storytelling of course extends to writing. Published author Roger has written for Bristol 247, the Natural History Museum and also the Festival of Nature. Gnisha also wrote a blog for Care International for COP26. She also mentored Michelle Ogoji to produce her thought provoking blog on air pollution. We have had a series of writers for our BSN newsletter like Lyn Ooi who have gained valuable experience, and a chance to hone their craft.



[Return to the Natural History Consortium](#)



A YEAR OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY – TACKLING RACIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POST COVID-19

Written by Roger Griffith MBE

It's been a year since the murder of George Floyd that sparked hundreds of Black Lives Matter protests across the world. In Bristol this was signified by the fall of the Colston statue. When I see or hear the words Black Lives Matter it echoes through centuries of rebellion, uprisings and protests for racial justice and equality. Last year our young people seized the moment to reignite that protest torch.

@careintuk

Ahead of tomorrow's [#Wednesday4Women](#), Gnisha Bevan, co-lead of Black Seeds Network writes on how people of colour are central to the environment movement "We don't need to engage people of colour in environmentalism. We are already here." careint.uk/2VZpVyR



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Green Job Creation and Skills development



Creating employment is important to us increase representation in environmental work, grow a diverse sector and ensure a Just Transition to a fair future. We're delighted that since we started we've created around **40 paid freelance jobs**. The majority of these have been carried out by people with lived experience of oppression.

40 Freelance Jobs Created

9 paid assignments

Internships

We aim to nurture our future Global Majority environmentalists. An important way we do this is by hiring volunteers and interns to help them develop their skills. With thanks to UWE Equity and Epic for providing funds for 3x paid internships

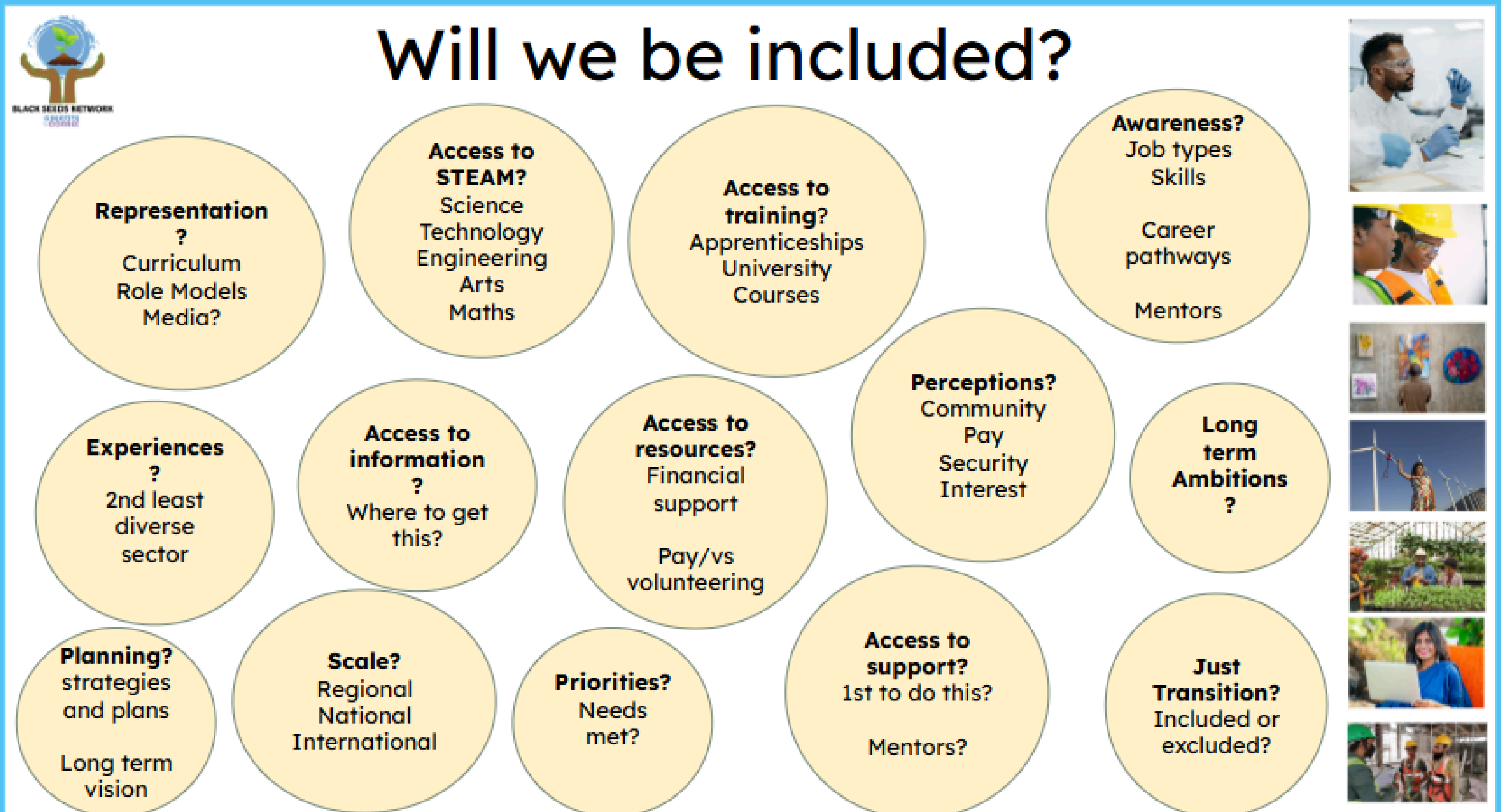
Impact:

9 volunteers/ interns going on to do paid work
4 young people acquired jobs in the mainstream sector after mentoring with Gnisha



Epic

Sector Leading Mapping Barriers to Green Jobs and Skills



for Global Majority Communities

We have mapped the barriers to Global Majority Communities accessing Green Skills and Jobs. Our initial conversations on this have proved popular with our communities; important to develop a truly Just Transition, and avoid our communities being left behind.

4 New Course



Skills for Inclusive Environmentalism

Noticing a skills gap, we designed our innovative Skills for Inclusive Environmentalism Course. Our sector leading, bespoke course for environmental professionals focuses on racial justice and community engagement for more inclusive comms. This is important to equip environmental organisations and our communities with the skills they need. With individual sessions led by experts in their field, We're delighted to report we have received extremely positive feedback.



Why is it necessary?

Our course aims to address exclusionary practices within the environmental sector - the second least diverse industry in the UK - by equipping participants with the antiracist and effective allyship skills needed to be impactful and inclusive in their work. Skills for Inclusive Environmentalism enabled all 34 of our participants to develop invaluable skillsets that will prove fundamental to the equity, impact, and viability of climate and nature actions going forwards.

Skills for Inclusive Environmentalism stemmed from a series of 'difficult conversations' on how to communicate with diverse audiences and avoid exclusionary practices. After several of these conversations, it became apparent that, whilst many group members were committed to working in more inclusive ways, the practical skills and knowledge required were sometimes lacking, and there was often a 'fear of getting it wrong'.

To address this gap, Black Seeds Network's innovative and pioneering course was born. We provided a bespoke commissioned consultancy. Participants began the programme uncertain as to how effective or meaningful their inclusion initiatives had been, with many unsure how to overcome budgetary restraints, organisational resistance, and limited engagement from communities. ²¹ By session 7, this uncertainty had transformed into meaningful positive action...

Skills for Inclusive Environmentalism

The feedback

"I'm more comfortable with being uncomfortable. I no longer have a neutral approach to working with diverse communities. When I start new projects, I proactively consider all the things we learnt, ensuring that resources are allocated appropriately from the outset."



Our posts were shared and re-shared at least 10 times, reaching over 3500 views. Skills for Inclusive Environmentalism therefore generated interest in equitable practice in environmentalism more widely, directly contributing to a fairer and more engaged environmental sector in Bristol.

"I'm championing underrepresented groups, knowing that equity rather than equality is the goal!"



80% of respondents rated this course 5/5	"Unusually high attendance with people only dropping out due to sickness, clashes, or childcare."	80% of participants said they had learned a <u>lot</u>	Inspired Bristol City Council's Learning Lead to implement this subject matter in her work.
"It has changed my entire approach to representing different groups in environmentalism."	80% of participants said they would apply their learning to their environmentalism.	"We need to follow the best practice of communities already leading on sustainability."	1000s of views on social media



Training



It has been a productive 5 years!

Both Roger and Gnisha have worked with several organisations to improve their practices.

Gnisha has trained Science communications professionals and students ranging from Undergraduate to Doctoral level at UWE and UoB.

In 2025 Gnisha had a proud 'full circle moment' when **3x Cohorts of UWE students worked on a BSN live brief** on their campaigns module led by Emma Augasita. Gnisha studied this module on her Masters course.

Roger continues his anti-racism work, with national organisations including DEFRA: Project Race Programme and the Natural History Museum

Gnisha and Roger have presented the learnings from their book chapter at UWE SU and both have spoken on several occasions at UWE on the importance of racial diversity in environmentalism.

Community Coaching workshop, Led by Xavier Baker:

FREE Workshop: Develop Your Peer To Peer Coaching Skills

Monday 28th November - 18:00-20:00

Online - Zoom

Learn techniques to clarify your thinking to reach your goals, and support others to do the same! This can be personal, or help support your organisation to flourish.

Join this exciting workshop with Xavier Baker on an intro to peer coaching for the Black Seeds Network. A taster session for Signpost to Skills.



A highlight for us, was extending opportunities to trainers in our network, to deliver the skills that our community had been asking for.

Knowledge and Thought leadership



Our analysis

Central to our approach is active, intentional listening - we engage closely with our communities to understand their priorities, concerns and aspirations and we work collaboratively with them to co-design meaningful solutions. We also draw on our own lived experience, research, reading and discussion. This process not only ensures that solutions are grounded and relevant but also generate new insights and innovations that often the 'mainstream' sector has yet to explore. BSN uses innovation to deliver more equitable and forward-thinking environmental practice.

By speaking on a wide range of panels and contributing to key sector discussions, we introduce perspectives that are often missing from mainstream narratives, challenging assumptions and broadening understanding across organisations and institutions.



Curzon Cinema
Green Week



Time To Declare. A series of free talks for Cricket and Sport Lovers on the threat of climate change to cricket



"The Long Shadow Of Cricket History"



Gnisha recently become member of Climate Reframe
We're thrilled that we're now able to make a platform for new speakers and presenters

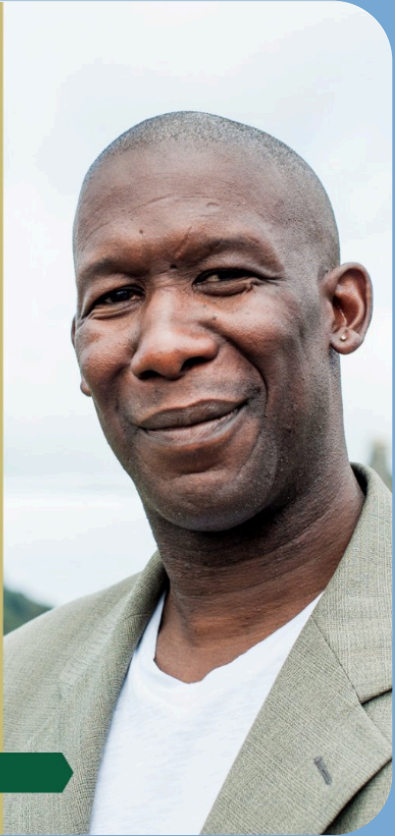
THE SUSTAINABLE PLACE.

Rethinking Diversity and Inclusion in a post-COVID World
x Roger Griffith MBE

Roger is passionate in sharing cultural stories, global observations on race and social inequality. He is the CEO of Creative Connex and was also the former CEO/Chair of Ujima Radio. He was awarded an MBE for his services to Diversity and Arts in 2019.

The Oriental Club, W1C 1ES
Friday, 12 November, 6PM

Register: thesustainableplace.org



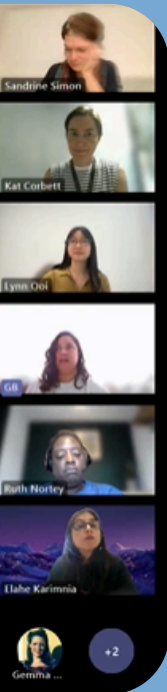
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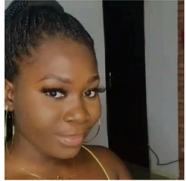
Lynn Ooi
Lead researcher
Interior architecture graduate
Works intersect with social justice issues.



Gnisha Bevan
Co-Lead, Nature Rising
Lead and co-creator of Black Seeds Network
Book Chapter in K.Bell's Diversity and Inclusion in Environmentalism
UWE SDiP Graduate

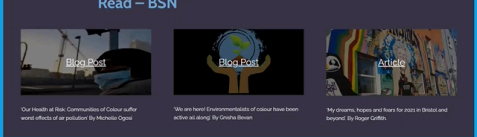


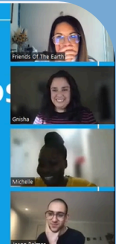




Introducing Michelle Ogo
<https://blackseedsnet.wordpress.com/>

Communities of Colour suffer worst effects of air pollution





Our speaking engagements include National and International Platforms:

Community Energy England
Blue Earth Summit
WI Climate Conference
Civil Service Environmental Network
Friends of the Earth UK lunch time talk
Cabot Institute
NFU Agrifuture Forum
DEFRA
The Sustainable Place
Natural History Museum



GNISHA BEVAN

ACADEMICS & EDUCATION



SHE/HER BASED: BRISTOL AND SW REGION ORGANISATION: BLACK SEEDS NETWORK

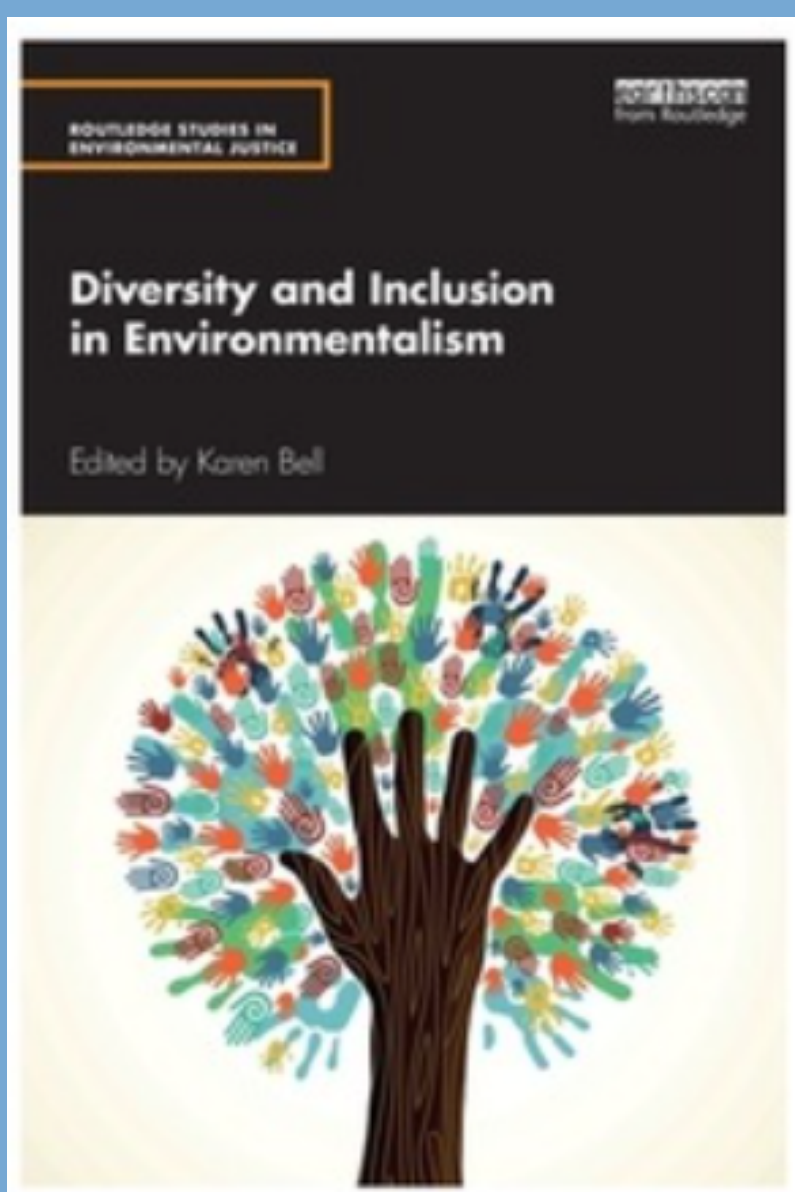
Gnisha Bevan co-developed and co-leads the Black Seeds Network with Dr. Roger Griffith, MBE which showcases an environmentalists, and environmentalists of color. She is a consultant advisor on a range of environmental issues and various environmental strategic decision making equitable partnerships between grassroots community organisations. She has a passion for promoting environmental justice, representing and recognising the existing work of Black and Brown communities. She is a published author on this subject; in a book chapter by Dr. Karen Bell, and on two published papers on the subject for her MSc in Sustainable Development.





Book chapter:
"The Demand for Racial Equality and Environmental Justice: Learning From Bristol's Black And Green Programme"
by Roger Griffith and Gnisha Bevan

We are proud to have made a valuable contribution to academic literature in this under researched field in the UK. This book currently has 50 citations!



Our 10 recommendations

from our chapter



Work together with Global Majority people to make decisions and write policies. Recruit and develop Global Majority leaders



Resource Global Majority environmental projects: time, money, expertise, networks and connections



Hold 'difficult conversations'



Conduct better research with under-represented communities



Monitor equalities information at events and in environmental organisations



Include storytelling to change dominant narratives and break down stereotypical thinking



Develop holistic environmental policies that meet people's needs and tackle inequality



Challenge stereotypes by widening discussions in environmentalism



Develop anti-racist approaches within organisations and projects



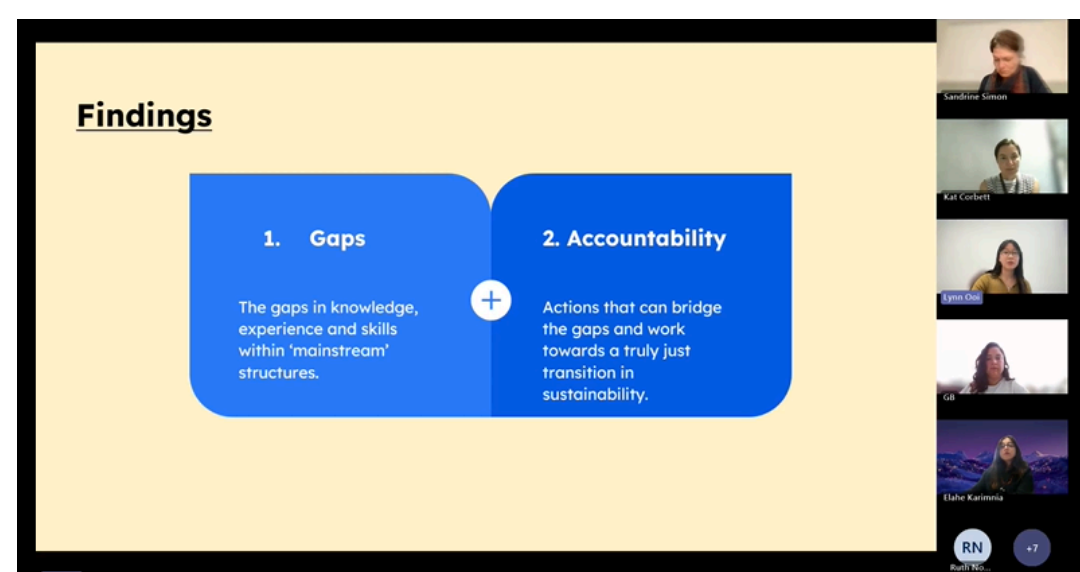
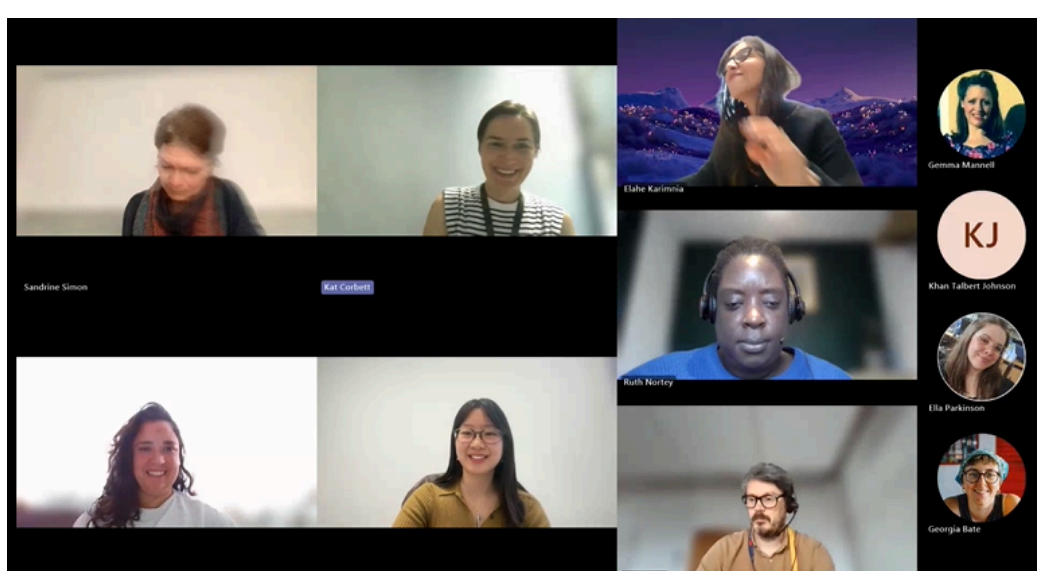
Implement the policies that have been recommended for decades!



Research Internship for Nature Rising

Once again taking an academic approach to monitoring our work, we were delighted to host a research internship through UWE school of Architecture and Engineering.

Lead researcher Lynn Ooi conducted action research, initially supported by Jemilia Powell, to draw out the strengths and good practice of Nature Rising. She presented her research findings during UWE Green week 2025. The quality of Lynn's work was so high, the team (Gnisha, Fabia Jeddere-Fisher, Elahe Karminia and Lynn), are currently pursuing journal publication!



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House of Commons visits



Members of BSN have visited the House of Commons six times with one visit to the House of Lords! Each time different members attended, sharing the opportunities to professionally network and develop. These visits have resulted in important conversations emerging on climate change, and on women's entrance into political office amongst our network, and provide exceptional leadership inspiration.

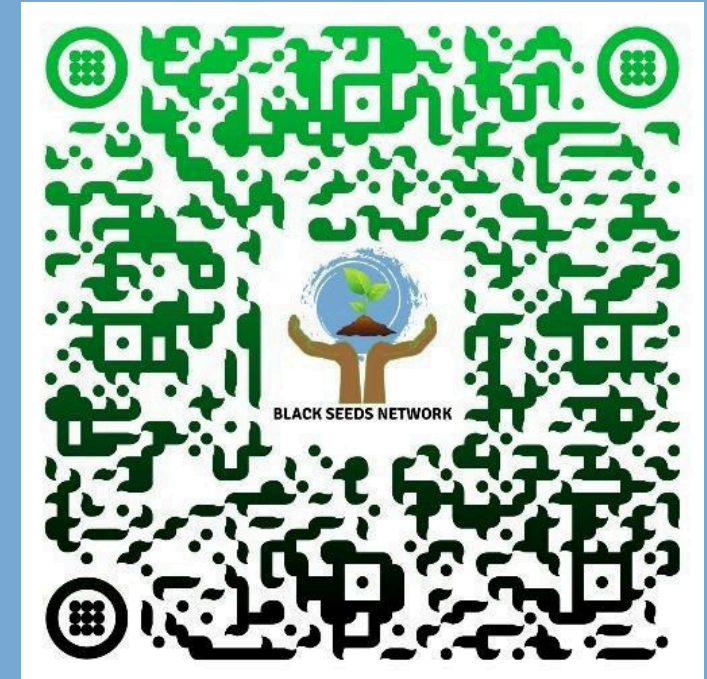


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Comms

Newsletter and mailing list

Our newsletter ensures that our communities are kept up to date on what is occurring in environmentalism and which events they can get involved in. We also analyse Global Majority perspectives on environmental issues and promote opportunities often missed by mainstream channels. We have also now published 5x sponsored newsletters



75.4%
Increase in our
mailing list since
April 2025

Support

We continue to grow our platform supporting Global Majority Environmentalists. Through our WhatsApp group, online meetings, and attendance at community events, our community has been able to network and make professional and personal connections.



Website and Social media content



We thank Benjamin James for his stunning work in designing our logos for BSN and Nature Rising. He has also designed both websites.

We are delighted to have employed several Global Majority people, and those with lived experience of oppression to design our social media assets and content. This ensured that our stories are told, and our images are portrayed in ways we feel are authentic and uplifting rather than tokenistic and 'deficit' based.



312%

Increase in Facebook followers in the last year



300%

Increase in Instagram followers in the last year



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Media Engagement

Over the years our local media presence has grown. Here are some of our appearances:



Radio:

- Ujima Radio, Black and Green Radio Show
- Nature Rising: BBC Bristol

Podcasts:

- for Nature Rising Carbon Copy, Community Climate Action

News Articles:

- Roger's Articles
- 3x articles on BSN and Nature Rising

B Bristol24/7
https://www.bristol247.com › opinion › your-say › co...
'Communities of colour are ignored by the environmental ...'
14 Jun 2021 — The new cohort of Black and Green Ambassadors funded by the National Lottery is now being delivered by Bristol Green Capital and Ujima Radio.

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https://www.bristol247.com › opinion › your-say › our...
'Our students are actively building a sustainable future'
24 Jul 2024 — UWE Bristol is tackling ... Nature Rising is a WECA-funded project run by Black Seeds Network and in partnership with Friends of the Earth.

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https://www.bristol247.com › climate › news-climate
Easton launches climate leadership programme with 'plant ...'
22 Apr 2024 — Gnisha Bevan of the Black Seeds Network and Mike Birkin of project partner Bristol Friends of the Earth will talk about the exciting ...

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In photos: Bristol's climate news - February 2025

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YOUR SAY / BLACK LIVES MATTER

'COMMUNITIES OF COLOUR ARE IGNORED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT'

By ROGER GRIFFITH Monday Jun 14, 2021



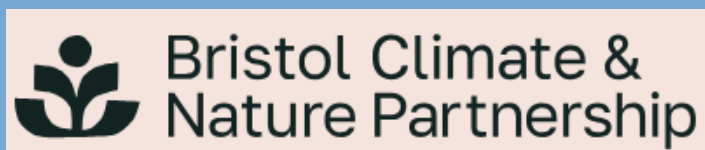
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Events and Community Consultancy

We focus on Bridge Building:

Connecting grassroots communities with institutions, policymakers, and NGOs to foster genuine collaboration.

BSN has become a credible, community-led platform in environmental justice in Bristol and beyond. We have assisted our partners' work with Global Majority communities to ensure that environmental action is open to our communities.



photos: Guy Alive Activities



e.g through:

- Friends of the Earth campaigns and Roundtables
- Energy Workshops: East Side Community Trust
- Nature the healer: Bristol Climate and Nature Partnership
- Sovereign Housing: Door knocking with residents at Charlton Hayes
- Climate Coalition
- Nature rising: Film Screenings, Exhibitions Community visits etc
- Opening up new opportunities e.g Forwards Festival, free lance work, partnerships etc.



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Nature Rising



Nature Rising is a first of its kind Global Majority led programme. We are a consortium of partners including: Fam Films, Tara Miran, Bristol Rainforest, KMT, Creative Connex and Divina Botanica. BSN and Bristol Friends of the Earth are lead partners.



Set up to
Award Winning
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BSN provides strategic oversight for Nature Rising. We are extremely proud that we have gone from set up to award winning within 2 years!

Nature Rising was formed when we were approached by WECA to apply for their Pollinator Fund. This began a fantastic conversation about doing things 'our way'. BSN gathered the team from within our network ensuring that all projects were Global Majority led. The already award winning team demonstrated excellence in design and delivery and together we created an exciting, multi-generational, creative programme.

Our work was later transformed into an inspirational exhibition at We the Curious! We can't possibly cover everything here, so visit the Nature Rising website and our socials to learn more!

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Nature Rising



Through Nature Rising, we implemented the model for the good practice we have been discussing:

Recognition:

We know that our communities have expertise, so we centre this in Nature Rising Projects. We celebrate our achievements.



Resources:

We try to pay people as fairly as possible for their time, expertise and commitment.

Leadership:

Nature Rising is led by Global Majority Leaders. We design the projects that our communities ask for.

Antiracism and community engagement:

We train our partners and allies in skills to improve their work with Global Majority communities

Opening up opportunities in the 'mainstream' sector:

BSN has been able to secure many opportunities for the programme.

Supporting local and Global Majority businesses

(PROCUREMENT)



As well as shining a light on the work of Global Majority environmentalists, we have been proud to support local businesses in our work



Pickle Factory

nyce.org.uk/hire-our-space



[@julez_artwork](https://julez_artwork.com)
(@julesclarius)



sprintersbristol.com



hounsfeldprinting.com

Venues:

Docklands

Pickle Factory

Catering:

Esme Davis

Jeevan Sweets

Fi-Real

Dev's Kerala

Printing:

Sprinters

Hounsfeld Printers

Art:

Jules Clarius



Docklands Community Centre

<https://docklandscentre.org.uk/>



Esme Davis



Jeevan's Sweets

jeevan-sweets.foodjooy.com/



fireal.co.uk



Dev's Kerala

devskeralabristol.co.uk

Our challenges

Core funding

One of the main challenges for BSN is acquiring and maintaining consistent core funding. This challenge prevents us from reaching our full potential in supporting Global Majority environmentalists and creating valuable projects for our communities.

A new organisation

BSN is incubated by Creative Connex which can make securing funding difficult. Therefore we are planning to become a new stand alone organisation in the near future. We hope this will mean bigger and better impacts from BSN.

Looking Ahead: The Future

BSN has proven that we can deliver professional, creative, and impactful programming while building trust and credibility with both communities and institutions. We're delighted with what we've been able to achieve- despite many barriers and a lack of resource.

The next phase is
is to formalise this foundation into a new,
sustainable organisation.

Our future plans involve building, structure, and sustainability. We're planning to seek core funding to support essential infrastructure and staffing. With this, BSN can deliver impactful consultancy, training, and media services while proving its model. This foundation will position BSN to develop and scale, ensuring Global Majority leadership is recognised and valued within UK climate and nature action.



Thank you for the continued support over the last 5 years !



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