

# EUROPEAN URBAN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE



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# The Child in the City: Health, Parks and Play

Parks for the Planet Forum

18-22 March 2017 and beyond

# About Salzburg Global Seminar

- Fully independent non-profit founded in 1947 to challenge present and future leaders to solve issues of global concern
- Designs and implements multi-year programs to bridge divides, transform systems and expand collaboration
- Pioneered series linking nature, health and new urban generations in 2015
- Convenes outstanding talent across generations, cultures and sectors, breaking down barriers between research, policy and practice
- Distinguished track record and networks: over **30,000 people from 170 countries** have participated from business, public sector and civil society
- Inspiring headquarters at Schloss Leopoldskron in Salzburg, Austria; built in 1736; used by Hollywood for sets in *The Sound of Music*



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# Parks for the Planet Forum



- Launched in 2015 by Salzburg Global and IUCN
- Embedded in IUCN Protected Areas Program
- Annual high level meeting
- Aims to position nature at the heart of human health and well being, security and prosperity across the planet
- 2016 IUCN World Conservation Congress endorsed the *Salzburg Challenge on Nature, Health and a New Urban Generation*



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# Health and Nature key milestones



# Eight actions that can transform cities for children

1. Ensure children of all ages, backgrounds, income, and abilities have equitable access to nature and play regularly and in meaningful ways to promote good health and wellbeing.
2. Embed nature in everyday places used by children, such as schools, backyards, parks, playgrounds and city streets, to make the city into a natural outdoor classroom.
3. Involve children in designing and planning natural spaces for recreation, education, inspiration and health, to give them ownership and pride in their local communities, schools and parks
4. Build curiosity, wonder, and care for nature in children (for example by greening school grounds and involving children with community gardens).



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5. Protect natural features across cityscapes and create an equitably distributed network of accessible green and nature-rich spaces that all generations can reach on foot.

6. Connect cities with the broader ecosystems in which they are embedded, creating corridors for people, plants and animals to move safely across the city and into its surroundings.

7. Establish more urban conservation areas to increase access to nature and connect cities to the broader protected area network

8. Work together through cross sectoral and multi-level partnerships to build an inclusive culture of health in cities.





# Impact

Individuals

Institutions

Ideas

**Jonathan Hughes, CEO of the Scottish Wildlife Trust,** *“The lessons from Session 574 and the Salzburg Statement are powerful and practical calls to action from experts across six continents. The Scottish Wildlife Trust is already using them to make the case for better policy decisions in Scotland. In the coming year we will also be promoting the eight actions to transform cities for children through our social media activity.”*

Next steps

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