



Central Scotland Green Network



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The [10,000 Raingardens for Scotland](#) campaign is designed to promote and encourage the use of raingardens as a sustainable and natural way to manage water, particularly in urban areas.

It will also support the creation of wildlife-friendly, accessible greenspace, reduce pollution, and provide attractive places for people to visit.

10,000 raingardens in Scotland will make a big difference in reducing the impacts of flooding. We've started but have a long way to go!

CSGN CASE STUDY:

10,000 RAINGARDENS FOR SCOTLAND

Raingardens can be simply described as areas of planting designed to slow down and hold on to rainfall, slowly releasing it. Raingardens are a more natural way of managing urban drainage, especially around properties and developments.

Raingarden features help to delay the peak flow of rainwater experienced after a rainfall event, more accurately mimicking what you'd expect in the natural water cycle, where vegetation and the natural landscape slow down water. They are effective climate adaptation measures, especially when planned and created across a landscape, but also provide a great many other benefits for the environment and people. They contribute to climate mitigation and pollution control through the use of plants in urban areas, they can create high quality greenspaces for people to use and enjoy and connect areas of habitat for wildlife.

They can be integrated with hard infrastructure too, for example, roads, active travel routes, and buildings. These provide much needed greenery and shade in dense urban areas and support the creation of attractive town centres.



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ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (2021)

- ◆ 27 Community events attended
- ◆ Public awareness-raising campaign: website and twitter account launched, 7 leaflets published, 10 schools and community groups engaged
- ◆ Professional audience awareness-raising: 16 workshops, presentations and site visits held
- ◆ Installed raingardens: 989 recorded raingardens in Scotland, 8 delivered directly via the campaign to date.

Communities in the areas where the raingardens are being created are vital stakeholders and we endeavour to use community co-design processes wherever possible to identify the needs and desires of those living, working and playing in the area.



PARTNERS & FUNDING

The 10,000 Raingardens for Scotland programme is a partnership project led by the Green Action Trust with input from NatureScot, Scottish Water, SEPA and Polypipe UK. We work with key stakeholders and landowners, including the Leven Programme, Glasgow City Council, Falkirk Council and the City of Edinburgh Council.

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For more information, visit www.10kraingardens.scot

