



Your Petite Forest Journey Starts Here: Get expert advice on bringing trees to small spaces for big impact

Organized by the UN Petite Forest Network

Wednesday, 25 September

11:30 – 12:30

Theatre

Future Green City World Congress - Utrecht

Event Description

Are you ready to transform your neighborhood? Discover how to create and sustain a thriving forest in your community, no matter how small the space, no matter your experience level.

This interactive, expert-led session on September 25th will equip you with the knowledge and inspiration to create and sustainably manage petite forest.

Our experts will share short stories that teach and inspire, and then will chat with you in small groups to share advice and help you take your first step.

Join us at this launch of the UN Petite Forest Network event to learn from the best, network with fellow enthusiasts, and take the first steps towards a greener, healthier community.

A Global Movement for Greener Cities

The UN Petite Forests Network is leading the charge in transforming urban landscapes. We're a global community dedicated to creating vibrant, resilient cities through the power of tiny forests.

Petite Forests may include dense clusters of native trees and shrubs in small spaces, such as those inspired by the Miyawaki method. They may also take different forms, based on the desired functions, benefits and available resources and space.

Petite forests help build healthier and more livable urban spaces, bringing plazas, streets and schoolyards to life. They help engage community and build support for urban greening efforts by creating a deeper connection nature and environmental stewardship.

The UN Petite Forest Network is hosted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in partnership with Earthwatch Europe. All are welcome to join us in creating a greener, more sustainable future for generations to come.



Provisional Agenda:

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM | Theater Session

Opening Story: The First UNECE Petite Forest (3 mins)

- Hear the story behind the first UNECE Petite Forest in San Marino

Opening Remarks (3 mins)

- Why the UN Petite Forests Network and how to engage?

Petite Stories (3 mins each, in storytelling format)

- The power of citizen science: Petite forests as living laboratories
 - Ms. Amy Nieuwenstein, Project Manager, Earthwatch Europe
 - Mr Ben Williams, Senior Project Manager, Tiny Forests, Earthwatch Europe
- Lessons for establishing green spaces in cities
 - Mr. Louis Romahn, Chief Executive Officer, World Urban Parks
- Can petite forests be urban forest gardens?
 - Ms. Audrey Timm, Technical Initiatives Manager, International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH)
- Stealing bushes: weird and artful examples of how to green a city with the community
 - Ms. Anne Nijs, Ecologist, Gemeente Utrecht
- Urban GreenUP: practical lessons learnt
 - Ms. Juliet Staples, Senior Project Manager, Liverpool City Council

Interactive Q&A Session (30 mins)

Participants will be invited to share their ideas for supporting petite forests and urban trees, such as creating a new petite forest in their community.

They can ask questions, seek advice, and look for potential collaborators.

Afterward, they'll form small groups with the speakers to discuss their ideas in more detail, exchange experiences, and build a network of like-minded peers.

Closing Remarks (5 mins)

