



Community Membership Scheme Newsletter

Welcome!

It has been a pleasure to welcome so many community members to the Botanic Garden this year. Highlights included Camtrust and Rowan Humberstone joining us for botanical dye workshops with Nabil Ali; the Waterbeach Rainbows helping butterfly find her lost eggs on our Easter trail; and young people from Baca Charity joining us for Curious Adventures in Nature, a smartphone photography workshop led by artist Graham Fudger.

In longer term projects, our pilot Community Gardening scheme gave tenants from the Independent Living Service the opportunity to learn gardening skills while working on seasonal tasks in the Schools Garden. We were also delighted to welcome members of Make, Do and Mend who joined artist Annabel Lee to create pieces for a vibrant artwork charting 500 million years of plant evolution. Inspired by the Garden, the timeline stretches the length of the Garden Room, enriching one of our key learning spaces.

Thank you for your support, we can't wait to see what 2025 has in store!

Contact our Communities Team to discuss how we can help you get the most from your visit:
communities@botanic.cam.ac.uk



Natural Dyes workshop with artist Nabil Ali

Following the success of this year's workshops, we are very excited to share that Nabil Ali will be returning to run his Dyes from Plants sessions for our community members in the spring. If your group would like the opportunity to explore the beautiful array of colours that can be extracted from plants found in the Botanic Garden, please email the Communities Team for more details. Workshops are free of charge and subject to availability.

Find out more online:
www.botanic.cam.ac.uk/learning/communities

Visiting the Garden in the colder months

As winter settles in there is still plenty of beauty to be found in the Botanic Garden. Visit the Winter Garden for a stroll through a vibrant display of brightly coloured stems, ornamental trees and flowering shrubs. On a crisp, sunny day the fragrances of winter favourites such as honeysuckle, daphne and viburnum attract the small number of pollinators around early in the year. In the new year, you can expect to see snowdrops pushing their way through the soil to bring a welcome splash of colour to the beds. Alternatively, escape the cold by visiting the Glasshouse Range to explore the stunning array of orchids and plants of the tropical rainforests.

