

# Planetary Health Café - PEOPLE AND PLANET CONFERENCE 2024

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**Discussion title:** Building bridges, breaking barriers: mainstreaming intersectionality for just and inclusive nature-based solutions

**Host/conveners:**

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**Description** (*session duration: 45'*)

The aim of this world café discussion is to critically reflect on the conditions, approaches, and actions that can help practitioners “build bridges” and “break barriers” for creating just and inclusive urban environments via the implementation of nature-based solutions (NBS).

**Introduction** 7'

The session will begin with an exploration of the lessons learnt from the [Horizon2020 CONEXUS project](#), a cooperation effort between European and Latin American cities on the co-production of NBS' knowledge and practices through Living-Lab approaches. Understanding NBS as socio-ecological processes that necessarily interact with the socio-economic fabric of communities and the places in which they are implemented, CONEXUS applied an intersectionality framework, offering valuable insights into the complexities of creating just and inclusive urban environment interventions. We will provide a summary overview of successful approaches, identifying challenges encountered, and presenting the lessons that have shaped our understanding of the intersectionality principles needed for transformative just and inclusive NBS.

**World café discussions** 28'

Following this introduction, participants will engage in a series of world café-style conversations. In small, rotating groups (*exact number TBC depending on registrations*), attendees are invited to share their own experiences, challenges, and success stories related to fostering inclusivity and justice in urban environments. Through exchanges in small groups, we encourage open, informal dialogues and the cross-pollination of ideas that will help us create a rich tapestry of perspectives.

Possible world café themes (*depending on the number of participants*):

- Stakeholder mapping and engagement
- Data and indicators
- Policy and advocacy
- Communication and dissemination strategies

N.B.: Each small group will have a designated facilitator responsible for moderating the sharing of ideas and collecting inputs on provided post-its and rolled papers.

**Harvesting insights** 10'

After the small group discussions, we will reconvene to harvest the collective insights and reflections generated. Facilitators from each theme will share actionable takeaways. This synthesis of ideas will form the basis for our final reporting to the conference organisers on how to “build bridges” and “break barriers” for creating just and inclusive urban environments. By collectively translating ideas into concrete actions, we aim to pinpoint avenues for empowering change within our own spheres of influence as practitioners.