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Ben Nevis, Scotland 26-29 May 2017

The event took place over the weekend at the Glen Nevis Youth Hostel in beautiful Fort William. Simon Boyle and Sir Crispin Agnew organised the event with Alison Boyd's unfailing help. Twenty-four delegates met for a wonderful weekend of walking, talking and renewing friendships, and were invited to a lovely evening and dinner by the John Muir Trust. The evening gave rise to the idea of giving [legal personality to Ben Nevis](#) suggested by Colin Robertson who sees *Matters in practice* (UKELA e-law, Issue 101, p. 30).

Please also take a look at Matthew Terry's film of the weekend (with thanks also to Simon Boyle)

<https://youtu.be/cgQeTzdF5R4>

Lake District, England, 26-30 May 2016

The event took place over the weekend at the Honister Hause Youth Hostel near Keswick in Cumbria. This glorious location provided the opportunity for 20 delegates to consider topical Wild Law issues with like-minded colleagues and friends. The group walked through Ennerdale and heard about the [Wild Ennerdale project](#). On Sunday, Simon Boyle and Angus Middleton lead a ridge walk up Haystacks and along the tops to High Stile and Red Pike. It was a bit tough on some legs but all enjoyed the views in wonderful weather.

Northumbria, England (Northumberland National Park and North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)), 1 - 4 May **2015**

The weekend took place at the Ninebanks Youth hostel, a 4 star refurbished 17th century lead mining building. The event focussed on exploring our understanding of what 'wild' and 'natural' really mean, appropriately based in what is the largest Dark Sky Park in Europe. The weekend was organised by UKELA and Wild Law UK, with support from Argyll Environmental. Read more: article by Katie de Kauwe, [UKELA e law, Issue 88](#), pp. 11-13

Isle of Arran, Scotland 23 - 26 May **2014**

A full house of Wild Lawyers were welcomed to the Corrie Croft Bunkhouse on the beautiful Isle of Arran over the weekend. Delegates enjoyed wild discussions and long walks amidst glorious surroundings, as well as boat trips and visits. The weekend focused on wildlife, wild land and marine protection on and around the Isle of Arran – “Scotland in Miniature”. There were Wild Law updates including news on legal protection for wild land in Scotland. The group visited the Lamlash Bay ‘No Take Zone’ – the UK’s first community marine designation, expected to be the centre piece of an official Marine Protection Area to be designated in 2014.

Loch Lomond, Scotland 24 - 27 May **2013**

Sixteen delegates met up on the shores of Loch Lomond for a weekend discussing the relationships between wildlife, wild land management and wild law ideas. Thanks to the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority and the John Muir Trust for helping at the event. And special thanks to John Hunt and Ian Cowan for organising it. Read more: article by Colin Robertson, [UKELA e law, Issue 77](#), pp. 34-35

Cairngorm, Scotland 4 - 7 May 2012

The weekend took place at the Cairngorm SYHA and enjoyed warm sunshine, snow flurries and rare bird sightings. Colin Robertson, who attended from Luxembourg, says: "It is one thing to talk about wilderness and the rights of nature and another thing to experience them directly. Yet that is the strength of the Wild Law weekend which for the third year running has taken place in early May in Scotland, this time at the Cairngorms Lodge Youth Hostel". Read more in [UKELA e-law, Issue 70](#), pp. 3-4.

Broadmeadows, Scottish Borders, 29 April - 2 May 2011

The Wild Law weekend took place at Broadmeadows Youth Hostel, with at its heart the Carrifran local project to plant some 500,000 trees. Discussion on native woodland issues in Scotland was led by John Hunt of Borders Forest Trust (BFT). Discussion on Wild Law issues was led by Simon Boyle and discussion on Wild Land Issues with update was led by Crispin Agnew. The event was organised by Sir Crispin Agnew, Simon Boyle, and Vicki Elcoate. Read more: article by David Hart, [UKELA e law, Issue 63](#), page 5.

Loch Ossian, Scotland 30 April - 3 May 2010

Twenty delegates from UKELA, the Gaia Foundation and the John Muir Trust spent a very enjoyable and informative weekend at Loch Ossian Youth Hostel. Loch Ossian YH is a mile from Corroun train station on Rannoch Moor and cannot be reached by car as the hostel is not on a road. The weekend included a visit of the Corroun Estate that emphasises the protection of biodiversity and the need to take social and environmental impacts into account in all its activities. On the Saturday

evening, Professor Denis Mollison of the John Muir Trust gave an illuminating lecture. Denis Mollison was one of the founders of the John Muir Trust in 1983, and is still a Trustee. On Sunday we heard Sir Crispin Agnew's lecture entitled 'Scotland and Wild Law'. For those from south of the border with limited knowledge of Scots law, it was quite an eye-opener. The event was organised by Sir Crispin Agnew and Jamie Whittle of the UKELA Scottish Group, Steve Perry, Vicki Elcoate and Alison Boyd. Read more: article by Simon Boyle, [UKELA e law, Issue 57](#), page 15.

2. Other events

UKELA Wild Law Workshops Programme 2005-2011

2011, 23 -25 September - Earth , Society and Commons: law in a time of economic and ecological change

Main speakers:

Ben Law, a renowned woodman who lives and works at Prickly Nut Woods in West Sussex. He is author of *The Woodland Way, a permaculture approach to sustainable woodland management*, designer of the woodland classroom at the Sustainability Centre and he teaches sustainable woodland management, ecobuilding and permaculture design.

Prof Ted Benton (University of Essex), sociologist, philosopher and scientist, Professor Benton has a unique perspective on the ecological challenges faced by society the 21st Century; publications include *Rights and Justice on a Shared Planet: more rights or new relations?*, *The Greening of Marxism* and *Bumblebees*.

Dr Jane Holder (University College London), expert on the theoretical and practical jurisprudence of environmental law; current research on the law of the commons, sustainability education and environmental justice; publications include *Environmental Protection, Law and Policy* (Cambridge University Press, 2007).

Nnimmo Bassey talked about **the crude oil disaster in the Niger Delta**.

Venue: Sustainability Centre, Petersfield, Hampshire

Main Organisers: Ned Westaway , Louise Kulbicki, Simon Boyle

Published papers: **published in ELM; [UKELA e law, Issue 66](#)**, pp. 19-20

2010, 24-26 September - Wild Law and Our Habitat From Resource to Relationship

Speakers:

David Hart QC has been a barrister in private practice for 25 years. For nearly 20 of them, he has been an environmental lawyer, and has appeared on waste management and other issues in the High Court, Court of Appeal, House of Lords and European Court of Justice.

Mayer Hillman, Senior Fellow Emeritus at the Policy Studies Institute in London, where he formerly served as Environment and Quality of Life Research Programme head. He completed his doctorate at the University of Edinburgh and was one of the first proponents of personal carbon rationing as the way for the world's population to prevent serious damage from climate change.

Colin Tudge, Biologist, writer and broadcaster, with a special interest in food and farming. Colin is the author of The Secret Life of Trees: How they Live and Why they Matter and The Secret Life of

Birds: Who they are and What they Do.

Venue: Lee Valley Youth Hostel, Cheshunt

Facilitator: Rowena Harris

Organisers: Melanie Strickland, David Waterston, Cain Ormondroyd

Published papers: **ELM vol 23 issue 1**

2009, 26- 28 September - Wild Law Camp: Connect with your wild side

Main speaker: **Stephan Harding**, author of Animate Earth, holds a PhD in ecology from the University of Oxford. He is the Co-ordinator of the MSc in Holistic Science at Schumacher College, where he is also Resident Ecologist. He has worked alongside many of the world's leading experts on ecological thought and action, including James Lovelock, with whom he has collaborated for many years on the development of Gaian thinking.

Venue: Magdalen Project, Near Crewkerne, Somerset

Facilitator: Rowena Harris

Published papers: **UKELA e law, Issue 54**, pp. 29-32

2008, 26- 28 September - **Wild Law: Ideas into action - Research paper launch and workshop**

Main Speakers:

Joe Guth, Professor, USA.

Lynda Warren, Emeritus Professor at Aberystwyth University, environmental consultant and the research supervisor

Melesse Damtie, Ethiopian lawyer and biologist, former Dean of the Legal Department at Ethiopia's Civil Service College, where he supervises students to study the customary laws that traditional people use to govern their relationship with nature.

Venue: Lea Green, Derbyshire

Facilitators: Liz Rivers, Vicki Elcoate

Published papers: Research Paper, **ELM vol 21 issue 5**

2007, 21-23 September - **Wild Law: A Response to Climate Change** (Including case study)

Speakers:

Cormac Cullinan (South Africa), an environmental lawyer based in Cape Town, author of Wild Law: A Manifesto for Earth Justice, co-Director of the leading South African environmental law firm *Winstanley & Cullinan Inc*, and CEO of *EnAct International*, an environmental governance consultancy.

Andrew Kimbrell (USA), public interest attorney, activist and author, Executive Director of *The Center for Food Safety* in the USA and founder of the *International Center for Technology Assessment*.

Professor Brian Goodwin, visiting Scholar and Teacher on MSc in Holistic Science, Schumacher College, International Centre for Ecological Studies, Devon

Peter Roderick, Director of the *Climate Justice Programme*, a barrister with twenty years' experience in private practice, the

oil industry, academia and the public interest environmental sector, and formerly *Friends of the Earth's* lawyer in London from 1996.

Facilitator: Elizabeth Rivers and Melanie Strickland for case study

Venue: Lea Green, Derbyshire

Organisers: Vicki Elcoate, Simon Boyle, Elizabeth Rivers, Begonia Filgueira

Published papers: **ELM vol 20 issue 2**

2006, 10- 12 November - Wild Law Conference and Weekend Workshop

Speakers:

John Elkington Chair

Cormac Cullinan

Norman Baker MP

Satish Kumar

Begonia Filgueira

Venue: University of Brighton for conference, Arundel Youth Hostel for workshop

Organisers: Vicki Elcoate, Simon Boyle, Josie Gander, Begonia Filgueira

Published papers: **ELM vol 19 issue 2**

2005, 18 November - Wild Law Conference: how can we regulate our relationship with the planet?

Speakers:

Michael Meacher, MP, Chair

Professor Jacqueline McGlade

Professor Lynda Warren

Professor Bob Lee

Begonia Filgueira

Venue: University of Brighton

Organisers: Begonia Filgueira, Simon Boyle, Josie Gander
Published papers: **ELM vol 18 Issue 1**