

Bright Green Future

Our first year

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It's been a busy year here at Bright Green Future! Our programme began in September and it's already been a whirlwind of activity for the participants (and the team running it!) Here's a taster of what's gone on so far:

Bright Green Future's first face-to-face training event for our 2016 cohort went really well in January (2017). BGF's Dan and James had help from Hugh from the Town and Country Planning Association to run the workshop sessions.

Apart from learning more about the planning system and being able to apply the information to real-world situations to think about sustainable futures, it was great to meet everyone and get their feedback on their BGF experience so far.

Find out more here: <http://bit.ly/2lzVmdY>



The training webinars have all been run interactively and to great effect. Our participants have loved using the webinar chat function to post comments throughout which is a great way to share knowledge and case studies.

We covered an introduction to sustainability and renewable energy, guidance on running successful local projects and have more webinars coming up on green career choices and environmental policy influence.

BGF-er Oscar spent a week doing a work placement with Ovesco, a community energy organisation in Lewes. He spent some of his week helping to edit share offer documents that were being prepared to help raise money from the public for a 29kW solar project.

Find out more here: <http://bit.ly/2msDqQe>



BGF-er Mali shares a hometown with her mentor Caitlin so they already had quite a few things in common by the time they had their induction phone call. And Mali will be doing a work placement at the South Downs National Park Authority in summer 2017, just as Caitlin did way back in summer 2012! Mali says "it's really useful to have someone to sound out my ideas with, in an informal and unintimidating way!"

BGF-er Bethany recently got involved in the Sheffield Tree Action Group to stop trees being cut down in the city centre. She has been speaking with her local councillors to let them know of her concerns and to see what their plans are for a more sustainable approach to city planning in Sheffield.

Find out more here: <http://bit.ly/2I7szu4>

