



Health Care and Community Engagement in the Outdoor Context

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Message from the Guest Editor

The importance of nature and the natural environment, as a determinant of human health and wellbeing, has been a matter of scholarly and practical interest, with novel programs emerging across the globe. Understandings of program design, community engagement, and issues of practice and implementation are increasingly sought in order to extend knowledge of “what works”.

Topics of interest are intentionally wide-ranging and may include: Interaction with animals, plants, and/or landscapes for health; Outdoor experiences and health; Outdoor interventions; Ecotherapy; Parks and green prescribing approaches; Forest bathing; Green care farms; Community gardens; Ecological grief; Land-based health care and education; Indigenous approaches; Issues of access, diversity and equity; Disability and social vulnerability; Implementation studies (studies of what works); Individual, community and policy level interventions and outcomes; Antiracism and antidiscrimination program strategies; Relationship and connection with nature; Nature/built environment interactions; Reciprocal healing of humans and nature.





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