

The publication **BiodiverCITY_A matter of vital soil!** teaches that living soil in the city needs more attention. The BiodiverCITY team (municipality of Amsterdam, in collaboration with Naturalis and NIOO-KNAW) is therefore launching a **series of meetings about soil** and warmly invites you to attend these meetings.

The third meeting will take place on:

Thursday evening 11 April from 19.00 to 21.30 (walk-in 10 min. before start)

in the Oostzaal of the Groote Museum Artis, Amsterdam. Address is Plantage Middenlaan 41, but the museum entrance is on Artisplein, next to the Chilean flamingos.

The meeting is the third in a series of four, organised by **Academic Workshop Soil (AWS)**. The series' overarching question is: How does it all come together in the soil of public spaces, now and in the future?

Invited by the Chief Science Office of the City of Amsterdam, the AWB was started by the BiodiverCITY team and is an interdisciplinary lab and workshop for professionals and other interested parties to arrive at new insights and research questions around soil.

The speakers were:

Rembrandt Zegers - Bureau Natuurcentraal. Process facilitator in living together with nature, expert within the UN Harmony with Nature programme, member of the International Climate Psychology Alliance and author of the book *Making Nature Social: Towards a Relationship with Nature*.

Maïke van Stiphout - DS landschapsarchitecten, Amsterdam, author of the *First and Second guide to nature-inclusive design* and Speaker for the Living at Zoöp Het Nieuwe Instituut, Rotterdam.

Michael Stech - researcher and expert on mosses at Naturalis Biodiversity Center and project leader of the NWA study HiddenBiodiversity

Based on the theme of Interaction, the speakers will talk from their various disciplines about acting for a vital soil and climate-proof city, with and in the soil. Not only from a human perspective, but also from the perspective and importance of the non-human. The lectures will be followed by stimulating questions.

You are most welcome invited to join the discussion.

Housekeeping notice:

The meeting is free to attend, but admission to the Groote Museum Artis requires an entry card or an annual museum pass required. This meeting will be filmed.

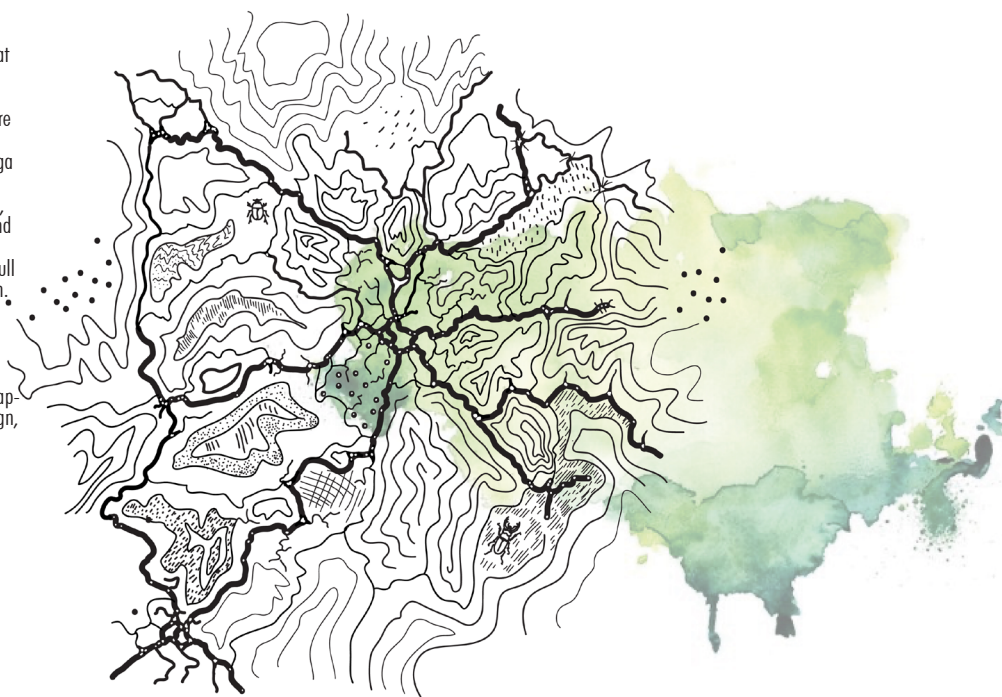
For more information on the AWB, the meetings, speakers, see: <https://openresearch.amsterdam/nl/page/85036>

For more information on BiodiverCITY, see here: <https://openresearch.amsterdam/en/page/71091/biodivercity>

In the modern, fossilised city, soil is under great pressure, with heat stress, flooding, subsidence and loss of biodiversity. Climate change and energy transition demand more and more from the urban subsurface. Slowly, people are beginning to realise what a vital soil means for a city, and that it is precisely the other living species - Flora Fauna Funga (FFF) - that create, nourish and sustain life.

Instead of destroying or disrupting connections, humans should support, strengthen important ecosystems and cycles. How to do that? By especially bringing the hidden to the forefront and becoming familiar with it. And giving it a full place in urban design, focusing on integrality and interaction. What is needed to make infranature an inseparable element within the future-proof design of the city?

Which organisational models and change challenges are involved, because creating and maintaining vital soil does not happen by itself. This requires a different approach, with implementation and scaling up of integral design, which also requires much-needed changes within the entire chain from public space to management, in organisational, financial-technical and process terms.



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