

Staff training and development

Protected area staff are the vital resource to demonstrate how their sites can be 'natural health centres'. They have roles in policy development, site planning, and providing services and experiences that will engage people in health-promoting activities. One or more staff at all levels are needed to act as champions within their own organisations – helping to secure corporate commitment to this work and sharing good practice, and also invest effort in building working partnerships with health-related bodies so that the benefits are targeted at those in most need.

Goal	Actions
parks & protected area staff have the necessary skills and confidence to work in partnership with the health sector and local health groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Identify appropriate staff at all levels of the organisation to act as champions for the health agenda➤ Ensure that staff have access to appropriate training and development opportunities, including job shadowing, study tours, networking etc
parks & protected area management organisations recognise the contribution their sites can make to health and well-being at individual, community and wider population levels, and show commitment to achieving on this objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Provide all staff with access to information on the range of social issues, including health, that engaging people with nature and greenspace can contribute to➤ Provide opportunities for parks & protected area staff to share experience and good practice within the organisation in order to build understanding and capacity