



What is Raise?

Credit: Rob Fraser, Somewhere Nowhere

Our neuro-affirming approach

1. Promote inclusion and respect
2. Flexible schedules and autonomy
3. Wellbeing and support
4. Clear training and support
5. Sensory friendly environment



England's Community Forests



- Network of 15 Community Forests across England
- England's largest environmental regeneration initiative
- Cover 20% of England
- 65% of people live within 15km



Cumbria Community Forest

- Total footprint 1800sqm
- Tree and woodland cover 12.4% (target 16.5% by 2050)
- Footprint determined by tree equity/impact mapping
- Driven by 25-year Forest Plan



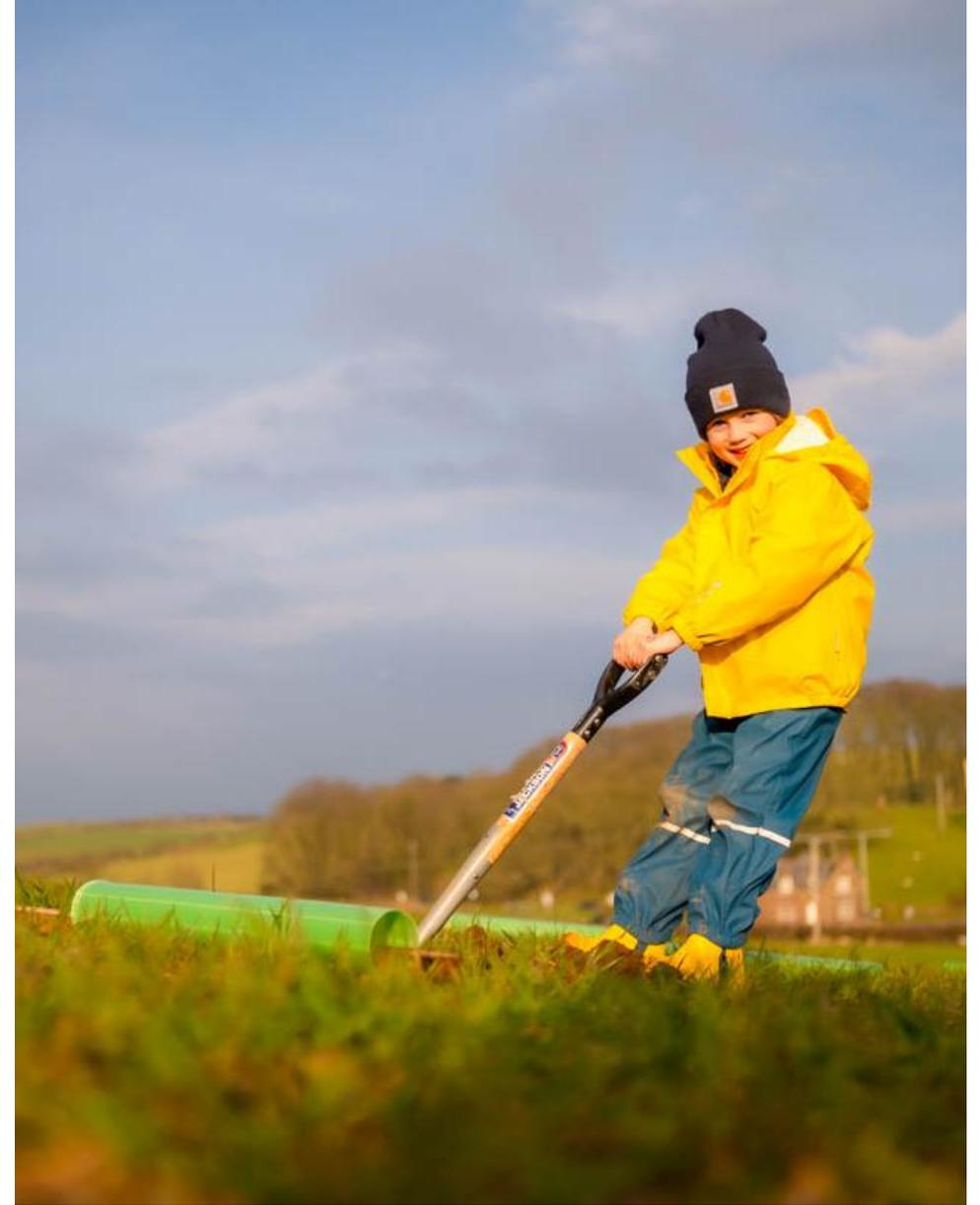
Our first three years

Created
244 hectares
of woodlands

Planted over
400,000
trees

Generated over
£4.1m
inward investment

Engaged with
3,000
people experiencing socio-
economic deprivation



Why Neurodiversity + Biodiversity?

Neurodivergence in Cumbria

- Increasing diagnoses
- Stretched service provision
- Poor rates of health, employment, and education



Biodiversity and woodlands

- 40% England's woodlands not in sustainable management
- 93% UK woodlands in poor ecological state

Increased health and resilience

- Woodlands improve health & wellbeing
- ND people are skilled at woodland management and monitoring



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CUMBRIA COMMUNITY FOREST

It takes a community to raise a forest

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