



“One of the signs of success of a great research organisation, such as OPENspace, is when the ideas that it pioneers are accepted so widely that they become commonplace. You can find the Centre’s handprint on almost all aspects of contemporary forestry, from the design of our operations through to the processes we use to engage communities and encourage visitors to our forests.”

**Marcus Sangster,
Head of Land Use and Social
Research, Forestry Commission**





Ten years of research excellence in inclusive access to outdoor environments

2001 Scottish Higher Education Funding Council awards OPENspace a Research Development Grant of £465,900 over three years

2003 OPENspace and partners at Salford and Oxford Brookes universities awarded £500,000 by the EPSRC for Inclusive Design for Getting Outdoors (I'DGO)



2004 OPENspace hosts first international Open Space : People Space conference in Edinburgh



"The OPENspace approach to the relationship between landscape, health and wellbeing, the openness with which they work with partners, and their methodological innovation has made them an excellent partner on the EU-funded research projects I have led".

Dr Kjell Nilsson, University of Copenhagen, Chair of PLUREL and European COST Action 39 on Forests, Trees and Human Health

2007 OPENspace hosts second international conference in Edinburgh



2008 First Open Space : People Space monograph wins Research Award at Landscape Institute Biennial Awards

2010 OPENspace publishes second monograph "Open Space : People Space 2: Innovative Approaches to Researching Landscape and Health"



2011 OPENspace hosts third international conference in Edinburgh

2002 OPENspace officially launched at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh



"OPENspace plays an important role in delivering research that addresses the outdoor environment related to older people to better their quality of life."

Dr Christopher White, Portfolio Manager, Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)



2005 Work continues on European COST Action 33 (FORREC), which culminates in the publication of "Management of Recreation and Nature Based Tourism in European Forests" (2010)

2006 OPENspace and 30 international partners awarded €8m by the 6th Research Framework Programme of the European Union for four-year PLUREL (Peri-urban Land Use Relationships) project, led by the University of Copenhagen



2009 "Development of the Scottish Walkability Assessment Tool (SWAT)", a paper on a key OPENspace contribution to the Scottish Physical Activity Research Collaboration (SPARColl), is published in 'Health and Place'



"The third Open Space : People Space conference was one of the best experiences of my career so far. I really enjoyed the presentations, hospitality and warm atmosphere."

Dr Marketta Kyttä, Aalto University, Finland
Key speaker at OSPS3