# Fancy forming a Working Group in Environmental Biotechnology?

EBNet would like to hear from you if you believe you have a topic or issue of importance in the field of Environmental Biotechnology (EB) that could be advanced by forming an expert Working Group (WG). We are open-to-all for groups large or small provided it is EB-relevant. Our interest is in supporting member activity, so we remain wholly flexible about details.

If you wants to crystallise a group around your topic, email us ([EBNet@EBNet.ac.uk](mailto:EBNet@EBNet.ac.uk)) with an outline (below) or general enquiry, to see how we can support you over the next few years.

We will pass on your details to the Executive Group and, if the WG is in remit, we will work with you to support and promote the group’s activities as required.

To maintain the WG we’ll ask for a quick update every quarter (an email will do) - just to keep us up-to-date with what’s happening to your plans and activities. It’s simple.

(Note: We are currently underrepresented in the Social Sciences and would welcome approaches)

## WG Outline Details

To see how we can help provide us with a single page – or 2 maximum – containing the following information:

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| What is the WG about?  *(Note – With prior written permission of WG lead, this may be made publicly available later through the EBNet newsletter, website and via other promotional activities.)* |
| Please provide a short title and summary paragraph describing the aim and purpose of the WG.    *For example: “Use of in-situ bioaugmentation in non-industrial contexts”*  *This WG will promote current state-of-the-art bioaugmentation techniques – particularly X and Y – to achieve A and B using advances in Z technologies….* |
| What do want to do? |
| Outline the kinds of activities you intend your WG to focus on.  *For example: Developing a policy; working towards a bid proposal; coalescing a dedicated session on your topic at the next EBNet Research Colloquium; holding a WG meeting, hackathon, training session, outreach activity or sandpit; creating a report on your topic; inviting international speakers to share expertise at a meeting, online discussion and support group, etc.*  Note – EBNet has funds available to support all kinds of activity. |
| Who is involved? |
| Please provide details of who will lead the WG, and any other interested participants. You might wish to include a brief profile of who you expect to join (E.g. water industry professionals, chemical engineers with expertise in X &…).  *Name, Institution, email and any relevant CV details of WG lead*  Note – this must be a member of EBNet. Join [here](https://ebnet.ac.uk/join/). |
| How can we help support you? |
| Let us know how we can start to support you and what resources you think you will need. This can be as simple as promotion through the Network and an initial meeting budget or it might involve more detailed plans for outreach/training funds, etc.  *For example: Funding for a 2-day Hackathon to start…* |
| What are the outputs? |
| Looking ahead, what achievable outputs from the WG do you anticipate by the end of the Network?  *It would be helpful to get an idea of how you envisage this* in practice *with a short thumbnail timeline of your aspirations for the group.*  *(E.g. 2021 – Scoping workshop “XXX”. Funds/Admin. support requested. 2022 – WG pre-POC bid writing meeting. Funds requested for 5 people tbc. Contribution of presentation at the XXX conference/XXX schools outreach. Expenses/materials support requested. 2023 – Specialist dissemination webinar/report to promote outputs of XXX project to the community. Admin. support requested. 2024+ Possibility of continuation as a “virtual” community via XYZ Society specialist group. All tbc.)*  EBNet are eager to support all tangible activities - from online resources to reports to outreach or activities. Suggestions welcome. |