

Women's ArbCamp 2025

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At the end of August, women arborists and tree enthusiasts from across Europe gathered in Hasslebro, Sweden, for Women's ArbCamp 2025. Over a long weekend, participants shared skills, stories and experiences in a unique setting designed to empower, inspire and connect women working with trees.

The event offered an engaging programme of workshops, practical sessions and discussions. Topics ranged from ergonomics to advanced diagnostic tools for tree care and innovative climbing techniques. With contributions from experienced instructors and industry professionals, the event provided a balance between hands-on training and reflective conversations about the challenges and opportunities facing women in arboriculture.

What made this year's event truly remarkable was the diversity of its participants. Women travelled from several countries to take part, creating

an international forum for the exchange of ideas and perspectives. Despite different languages and backgrounds, the atmosphere was one of openness, curiosity and mutual support. The sense of solidarity reminded everyone of the shared passion that unites arborists worldwide: caring for trees safely, skilfully and sustainably.

Building confidence and community

For many, Women's ArbCamp is more than an educational event – it is a space to build confidence and see oneself reflected in a profession still



heavily dominated by men. Meeting role models, forming friendships and practising new techniques in a supportive environment leaves a lasting impact that extends far beyond the event itself.

The 2025 gathering once again demonstrated that Women's ArbCamp is a catalyst for growth – not only in technical skills but also in community spirit. Participants returned home with fresh knowledge, strengthened networks and renewed enthusiasm for their work.

Women's ArbCamp 2025 showed that when women in arboriculture come together, they not only climb higher in the trees but also raise the profession as a whole.

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Tree officers, green infrastructure managers and all those who care for trees and green spaces in our towns and cities have an increasingly difficult job.

They're asked to deliver against ambitious climate targets, to keep our streets pleasant and liveable, and to do so on ever-tighter budgets, while still meeting the expectations of the public. With so many competing pressures, it can sometimes feel like the bigger strategic questions are the hardest to tackle. That's where the Urban Forest Bulletin comes in.

Launched by Treeconomics, the bulletin takes on a different theme each month, looking at some of the issues that councils regularly face but which are often tricky to unpick. It's based on our experience of working alongside local authorities up and down the country – each one unique, but all with challenges that often feel familiar.

So far, topics have included:

- Why every council should know its tree canopy cover ... and what happens when they don't.
- Stop planting trees in the wrong places ... why planting where it is 'easy' could be a big mistake.
- Are you really managing your urban forest ... or just planting trees?

We've deliberately chosen titles that might raise an eyebrow – not to be accusatory, but to spark conversation. In practice, the aim is always to support local authorities by highlighting the kinds of questions they're already asking themselves.

Each bulletin is written with one goal in mind: to be useful. The challenges are real, the tone is practical, and the message is that councils are not alone – others are grappling with the same dilemmas, and there are ways through them.

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