

## **RENEW Biodiversity Parliament 2025:**

### **An Abecedarian Manifesto for Environmental Justice**

Appreciate complexity, the smaller things, the plants in the sidewalk; each other, in all our diversity; and Act

Build communities; be bold and brave,

Courageous. Connect with people, the individual with the structural. Change the carewashing.

DO THINGS, don't just sit there.

Embrace people in nature. Embrace our enragement.

Feel hopeful for change, for the future.

Grieving our failures, but growing, glistening.

Half of kids have never been to a woodland.

Intermesh destinies, interspecies involvement

Justice for all is a journey.

Kick out inequality and oppression.

Love repairs, love equalises, love is adaptation, listening. Love builds trust.

Mosquitoes and mangroves and maples need care, not justice.

Normalise nurturing and

Organise leaves into constellations.

Postericide! Eliminate it!

Quandaries and questions of justice, injustice

Rage, reclaim, re-common! Release control of the wild.

Sheepwrecked lands recovering. Speak out for

Those who cannot. Tyrannised today, or tomorrow?

Understandings of nature are multiple,

Varied. Versify, diversify voices, our vulnerability.

What is wilderness? Wonder at ivy's persistence it's

eXtraordinary eXuberance, under the

Yoke of oppression. Youthful energy,

Zapping, zinging - within and beyond Zoom.

**A collaborative poem, led by Caleb Parkin**