

BRITAIN'S TOP TREE HOUSE

THE PROJECT

"Britain's Top Tree House" is an exciting community project and TV series initiated by SKY Television as part of their pioneering Sky Rainforest Rescue mission, in association with WWF.

With Top Tree House the focus is firmly on the UK; and the call is going out to local communities and designers across the country to work together to imagine and design amazing tree-houses that will be an *outstanding, inspiring and bespoke asset* for their community; be it a radical play area, an interactive educational resource, a dynamic community space or a multipurpose combination of all three.

From all of the submissions, six semi-finalists will be chosen and awarded grants to take their Top Tree House ideas to the next level of design and feasibility study. From these six, three will be chosen as finalists and supported by SKY to go on to be fully built.

THE TV SERIES

The whole process initiated by Top Tree House will be turned into a high profile two part TV series presented by TV property guru Sarah Beeney. Intended to promote and encourage a love for our native woodlands and community action, the series will be heavily promoted by SKY. Transmission is scheduled for November 2011.

THE TEAM BEHIND TOP TREE HOUSE

Top Tree House was devised by October Films, a multi-award winning independent production company of twenty one year's standing. They will produce the TV series for SKY. October Films have engaged David Barrie and Associates to project manage the planning and community aspects of Top Tree House from beginning to end.

David Barrie and Associates have created and delivered several large-scale initiatives in the public realm, including the creation of playgrounds, artworks, community enterprise and other facilities across the UK - some have also been shown on TV, including the area-wide regeneration of public spaces in Castleford and most recently, the creation of a new community food enterprise in Camden.

Top Tree House has a budget to invest in the process and final tree house builds.

SO... THE BIG QUESTIONS

1. Is there a community in your area that you think would be interested in creating a Top Tree House in their area, ideally using salvaged materials?
2. Does the idea of creating a Top Tree House amplify a strategic intent for the land that you own or manage?
3. Can you help an initiative that will be inspired by the needs of local people who want to create a difference to the area in which they live?

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The community aspirations and environmental ideals of Top Tree House will struggle to be fully realised without your support and input. Time is short and we need active and willing partners in local government to make this exciting idea to work.

Many thanks for your consideration; your earliest response and advice would be greatly appreciated. Please email TreeHouse.Competition@gmail.com