



# ProGEO

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The participants of the 11th International Symposium of ProGEO, hosted by Charnwood Forest Geopark (United Kingdom), 9-11 October 2023, under the theme 'Celebrating Geoheritage, Promoting Geoconservation

**Recalling** the previous Declarations of the ProGEO International Symposia,

**Also Recalling** the proclamation of International Geodiversity Day by the UNESCO General Conference (41C/Resolution 24),

**Stressing** the importance of promoting and conserving geoheritage and the management of geodiversity, as fundamental practices in accomplishing many of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and as mechanisms to solve global environmental challenges,

**Noting** the need to continue promoting policies at all levels of public administration that advance geoconservation, especially with community involvement,

**Recognising** the Biodiversity Net Gain approach being promoted by the International Union for Conservation of Nature for the purpose of biodiversity management,

**Acknowledging** that geodiversity underpins biodiversity, providing the foundations and habitats for all living things, and has an essential role for human well-being and for sustainable management of the whole planet,

**Reaffirm** the need for new, effective, and adequately funded policies to be developed that promote the sustainable management and conservation of geoheritage,

**Encourage** individuals, organisations, academic institutions, and all levels of government to investigate the development of new policy frameworks, including Geodiversity Net Gain, as potential mechanisms for the conservation of geoheritage and management of geodiversity.