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Dear Members,

AAFI-AFICS is pleased to send you information on the Greycells Coffee Morning on Thursday, 19 March 2026 from 10:00 to 12:00 at Club Suisse de la Presse, Château des Penthes, Genève.

To participate, please send an email to greycells08@gmail.com

All the best,

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Morning Coffee – Greycells

Thursday, 19 March 2026, 10:00–12:00
Club Suisse de la Presse
Château de Penthes, Genève
(Bus 20 • Parking available)

Hosted by Greycells, with Guest Speaker Diane Henny

Growing the City: How Micro-Forests and Edible Forests Can Regenerate Urban Life

Imagine rooftops turning into jungles, courtyards into tiny forests and office façades producing salad instead of just casting shade. That is exactly what Diane Henny and TSF UrbaNature are doing in Geneva, and Greycells invites you to come and see how.

During this Morning Coffee, Diane will take us on a tour of Miyawaki micro-forests, edible forests and urban agroforestry projects that cool overheated streets, bring back birds and pollinators, grow food close to home and even boost mental well-being. These are not decorative plants in pots, but living infrastructures that store carbon, regenerate soils and turn "empty" roofs, courtyards and schoolyards into vibrant miniature ecosystems.

Diane is a specialist in cultural mediation, psychology and corporate social responsibility, and co-founder and CEO of TSF UrbaNature, a Geneva-based NGO dedicated to regenerating and renaturing urban environments since 2016. Working with the City of Geneva, universities, companies and citizens, TSF UrbaNature transforms rooftops, façades and ground-level spaces into thriving habitats for biodiversity, local food and climate resilience.

Diane will lift the curtain on the governance and partnership models that make these projects possible: how NGOs, public authorities and private actors can team up to redesign the city as a living organism rather than a concrete machine. **This is not "just" about planting trees; it is about reimagining urban life, one micro-forest (and one coffee) at a time.**

Join us, bring your questions (and your inner gardener), and leave with practical inspiration for how cities can become greener and cooler (and your mornings tastier and pleasanter with Greycells friends - **coffee, tea & pastries included**). **A cash donation from non Greycells members to offset part of the costs would be much appreciated.**

We need to know how many people are coming, so please confirm your participation by e-mail at greycells08@gmail.com