

Wilder Youth Forum!



Role profile:

Somerset Wildlife Trust's Youth Forum has been set up to give young people a voice within the charity and the environmental politics and policy of Somerset.

Are you a young person in Somerset who dreams of a greener, wilder future? Become a member of SWT's Youth Forum and help shape the future of wildlife conservation in Somerset. We are looking for 15 young people ages 12-24. No specialist knowledge required or hoops to jump through, we want you to show up as you!

Time commitment

- Forum meetings every other month 10am – 1pm, with an optional afternoon activity. The meetings will usually be on the second Saturday of the given month, with one exception being October.
- 2024 schedule: April 13th, June 8th, August 10th, October 4th, December 13th.
- The location of the meeting will move around Somerset.

Tasks

- Attend a meeting every two months to input on Trust projects, campaigns and policy
- Help decide the activity or training session that accompanies each meeting
- Work with the Board of Trustees to guide policy and projects.

The following are examples of what members of the forum can get involved in.

None are compulsory, and the priorities and shape of the forum will be decided by its members, with support from Siân.

- **Event planning:** Input into the organisation of the Annual General Meeting (AGM), a large conference consisting of the charity's members and Trustees that decides future Trust strategy
- **Communications:** Work within the charity's communication channels to advise or create content yourself
- **Engagement:** Work with the charity's engagement team to attend or organise events or present at meetings
- **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI):** Collaborate with the charity's Human Resources department on developing EDI initiatives

Benefits to volunteer

- Gain experience and learn valuable skills that will be useful when choosing what to do with your future and looking for jobs
- Opportunities to build on your existing skills or explore new ones
- Power to collectively decide any relevant training or experience to undertake, for example equality, diversity and inclusion training or wildlife identification sessions
- Opportunities to job shadow members of staff
- Opportunity to meet like-minded young people

Skills and abilities needed

No specific skills or abilities required, just an interest in nature and charities.

If you would like to be a member of the Youth Forum, or would like more information, please email sian.bentley@somersetwildlife.org.

Expenses

Travel covered and lunch provided.