



Youth Steering Group

We are a youth led environment charity based on 200 acres of land in Garsdale, Cumbria. We are led by nature, young people and research.

- **Aged 13-25?**
- **Want to gain skills while making a difference?**

You can join our Youth Steering Group to make real, research-informed decisions and practical change to our land, supporting wildlife and nature recovery.

We're looking for passionate young people who are interested in conservation and environmental action.

Nature Deep Dives: Learn about native species - trees, plants, insects, mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles etc as well as ecosystems and habitats.

Build Real-World Skills: In data collection, surveys, habitat assessment and land management - transferable skills that also look great on your CV, college/Uni/job applications etc.

Get Practical with: Tree planting and conservation grazing, dry stone walling, hedge planting, pond digging, wetland creation, and peat bog restoration - this is real conservation work, where you see real results.

Create & Capture: Interested in wildlife photography, filmmaking and/or social media? Use your creativity to document nature and share stories that matter.

Investigate History: Explore archaeological structures, uncover layers of history hidden in the landscape.

Connect With Your Community: Meet others who care, share ideas, and build networks that last.

What We're Looking For:

- You're 13-25 years old
- Have skills, ideas, and the drive to spark change
- Want to join site visits, discussions, presentations, and workshops
- Ready to commit for a year (or longer if you're enjoying it!)

What You Bring:

Your enthusiasm to bring about change, your unique perspective, and your willingness to show up!

What we offer:

- Transport/Travel expenses
- Accommodation and food for residential stays
- Our support, mentoring, training and access to our expert networks

Here's what our YSG members say about being part of the project:

'It's very hands on so you can clearly see the contribution and importance of your actions which is amazing. It's also wonderful that our ideas are highly valued and that we are doing the research ourselves'

'Everyone is passionate and shares their individual interests, and we can steer our own research.'

Best things 'Youth voice and getting to see every side of a project'

If you would like to join us please fill out this form and email it to
[:info@wildgarsdalepike.org.uk](mailto:info@wildgarsdalepike.org.uk)

Youth Steering Group Application Form

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Parent/Carer Contact (If under 18yrs) Next of kin (if over 18yrs)

Name:

Phone:

Email:

School/College/University/Workplace:



ABOUT YOU

- Why do you want to join WGP Youth Steering Group? (150 words max)

- What does nature and wildlife conservation mean to you? (150 words max)
- What three words best describe you?
- What three things in nature mean the most to you?
- What can you bring to the group? (150 words max)
- What do you hope the group will give you? (150 words max)

WHAT INTERESTS YOU?

Tick all that resonate



RESEARCH & BIODIVERSITY

- ☐ Data collection & Analysis – surveys, monitoring & evidence
- ☐ Species (plants, animals, birds, insects etc)

- ☐ Dry stone Walling & Hedges



HISTORY & COMMUNITY

- ☐ Archaeology and Traditional Buildings
- ☐ Community Engagement
- ☐ Public Speaking and Presenting
- ☐ Finance and Funding



HABITATS & LANDSCAPES

- ☐ Blanket Bogs & Wetlands
- ☐ Heathland & Wildflower Meadows
- ☐ Tree Planting and Woodland Creation
- ☐ Rivers, Pools and Ponds



CREATIVITY

- ☐ Wildlife Photography and Film Making
- ☐ Social Media and Marketing

ANYTHING ELSE?

Please return by email to info@wildgarsdalepike.org.uk

Thank you!

<http://wildgarsdalepike.org.uk/>

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You can find information about our objectives on our website: www.wildgarsdalepike.org.uk

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Pond Digging



Sphagnum moss External visit



Hanging bird boxes



Camping 3 Day Site Visit