



Could you be one of our next Young Trustees?

The Young People's Trust for the Environment (YPTE) is a charity which aims to encourage young people's understanding of the natural world and of the need for sustainability.

Our award-winning website, yppte.org.uk is the way that most young people and schools engage with us. We provide accurate, up-to-date and unbiased information on a huge range of species and environmental issues. All of this information is available free of charge and around one million unique visitors access our information every year.

Our Education Officers visit schools, either providing free talks and presentations on environmental issues or assisting schools with developing their grounds for environmental education through a project called 'Roots to Green Living'.

The Trust has a small staff team who are overseen by its Trustees. The Trustees are volunteers, selected because of their skills and experience. They decide the Trust's direction and strategy, assisted by the Trust's Director.

By becoming a Young Trustee for a year, you will have the opportunity to participate in all the meetings of the Board of Trustees and to advise them on the best strategies for working with young people. This includes how best to reach young people and which environmental issues matter most to them.

If you are aged 16 to 20 and would like to find out more about applying to become a Young Trustee of YPTE for 2016, please email YPTE's Director, Peter Littlewood at peter.littlewood@yppte.org.uk.



Chris Mizen, Young Trustee

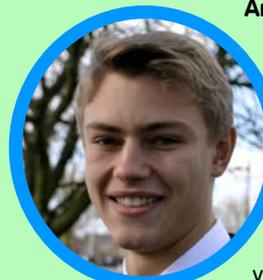


"When I first got involved with YPTE this time last year, I was very excited to gain first-hand experience of the running of a successful charity. Aside from being able to say that at the age of 17 I was a 'Young Trustee' (which is great for University application as well as your CV), I didn't appreciate how involved with the charity I would actually get.

YPTE has Presidents including Dermot O'Leary and Steve Backshall and it has been an honour to meet and work alongside many of them at events hosted by the charity. Initially, I took up this role with a friend from school and this helped to ensure that I wasn't nervous at all about contributing ideas- the other trustees were all very friendly and welcoming! I was free to contribute ideas as and when I had them.

My past year as a 'Young Trustee' has been truly unique and I would thoroughly recommend getting involved to anyone interested in the environment or even charity work in a broader sense."

André-Pierre Cronje, Young Trustee



"I have really enjoyed my time as a Young Trustee of YPTE.

Meeting the Board and being able to not only sit in on their meetings but also make real contributions to the Trust's strategy has been a brilliant experience and one that few 17 or 18 year-olds are lucky enough to get!

And to be able to say that I've met several of YPTE's Presidents and even been a guest at a Parliamentary Reception at the House of Commons while representing YPTE as a Young Trustee is brilliant.

The one reservation I did have was that amidst A-Levels and my final year of school, I wouldn't have enough time to properly commit to my role. But aside from attending board meetings every few months and occasional events, it wasn't a massive commitment. I found the process extremely manageable alongside university application and other hobbies I had outside of school. So I'd say if this opportunity interests you, go for it!"

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