

YOUNG CONSERVATIONISTS' HUB @ GLOBAL BIRDFAIR

FRIDAY 11TH JULY



10:30 – 11:15

ADRIAN CALE: AN INTRODUCTION TO WILDLIFE FILMMAKING

Join highly experienced wildlife documentary filmmaker and writer Adrian Cale for a crash course on the basics of natural history storytelling in film. Learn how to get the best out of the equipment you have, how and what to capture for best effect, pre-production considerations, and planning. You'll hear Adrian's top 10 tips for wildlife filmmaking, and the important code of conduct and ethics we should all be following in the field.



1:30 – 12:15

TELLING YOUR STORY FOR NATURE – AN INTERACTIVE STORYTELLING WORKSHOP BY GENERATION NATURE

Learn how to harness your life story to benefit conservation, through an interactive workshop and storytelling activity led by the Generation Nature Podcast.



12:30 – 13:15

THE LIFE WE CHOOSE TO LEAD: ROY DENNIS OBE, DR TIM MACKRILL & BECKY PARK IN CONVERSATION

Join the team behind the Osprey Leadership Foundation as they chat with their friend and mentor, Roy Dennis about taking an authentic, effective and brave approach to their roles as conservationists, championing young leaders, and the power of community.



13:30 – 14:15

ELLE KAYE: CREATIVITY IN CONSERVATION: BEING OTHER IN A SCIENCE SPACE

Elle Kaye discusses her entry, and the challenges and complexities of being creative in a historically scientific space. Talking on Imposter Syndrome and the pursuit of perfectionism, Elle gives a very real insight into 'going against the grain' as a professional bird taxidermist and conservationist.



14:30 – 15:15

OK, BIRDER : CHALLENGING NORMS IN NATURE CONSERVATION

Working in the nature sector can be incredibly rewarding, but what happens when preconceived practices or beliefs need challenging? A panel of young conservationists will share their experiences and advice for dealing with such difficult conversations that often cross generations. Co-hosted by Pete Cooper and Hannah Needham with panellists: Charlie Bingham, Naomi Davis, Naomi Johns and Jamie Kingscott.



15:30 – 16:15

CITY STREETS TO COUNTRY LANES: OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO NATURE CONNECTION

How does where we live shape our connection to nature? Join a panel of young conservationists as they explore the unique challenges of accessing nature in urban vs rural settings and share ideas for how we can all build a closer relationship with the natural world, no matter where we call home. Hosted by Amira Nuseibeh with panellists: Haydn Fox, Nadya Mirochnitchenko, Layla Mapemba and April Mayne.



16:30 – 17:15

WILDLIFE PROFESSIONAL WORLD CAFE SESSION

Join Naomi Johns and Daniel Hill for quick-fire table discussions exploring different topics within the environmental sector.



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SATURDAY 12TH JULY



10:30 – 11:15

HEATHER FORTUNE: FIGHT FOR FLIGHT: USING ART AND SCIENCE FOR BIRD CONSERVATION ACROSS EURASIA

Fight for Flight is the story of Heather Fortune's year-long expedition contributing to bird conservation projects across Europe and Asia. Heather's project not only focused on ornithological research, but also aimed to inspire a wider diversity of people to get into birdwatching and bird conservation, and to use art as a tool to do this. This saw her travel solo as a 21-year-old female conservationist to Spain, Georgia, Mongolia, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Sweden.



11:30 – 12:15

"CONSERVATION: THE NEXT GENERATION" FILM SCREENING

Join naturalist and presenter Mya Bambrick and wildlife filmmaker Amy King for a screening of their latest documentary, 'Conservation: the Next Generation.' The screening will be followed by a Q&A with Şeniz Mustafa and others featured in the film.



12:30 – 13:15

THE POWER OF YOUTH VOICE: AN RSPB SUCCESS STORY

Join the RSPB Youth Council as they share their inspiring experiences of amplifying youth voices within the RSPB and beyond. Together, we'll explore the importance of youth voices in shaping the future of conservation. With Freddie Emms, Jamie March, Katie Monk and Indy Kiemel Greene.



13:30 – 14:15

LUKE MASSEY: THE IMPORTANCE OF SMALL-SCALE REWILDING

Join Luke Massey as he shares the story of Wild Finca, a testament to the transformative power of small-scale rewilding. Discover how a small defunct dairy farm in Northern Spain has been transformed into a vibrant sanctuary for biodiversity through thoughtful land management.



14:30 – 15:15

WINGS AND WORDS WRITING WORKSHOP WITH EMILY HUNT

Join young nature writer Emily Hunt for a fun and engaging nature writing workshop. Come along to try out new writing styles, meet new people and express your love for birds through written & spoken word. This event will have a supportive, no-pressure atmosphere and is suitable for all abilities.



15:30 – 16:15

HENRY DAY: BEYOND THE BINOCULARS – YOUNG CITIZEN SCIENTISTS TRANSFORMING ECOLOGY

Join Henry Day for an interactive session that shows young people how they can step into the world of citizen science – even without a formal career in research. Discover practical ways to support ecological studies, contribute to global monitoring projects, and collaborate with charities to make a tangible impact on conservation.



16:30 – 17:15

HUBERT POLLARD: A YOUNG BIRDERS PERSPECTIVE

Hubert's talk is pure young-birder energy: gear mishaps, community banter and teen-powered conservation. If you've ever wondered what happens when lockdown boredom meets binoculars, or how a 14-year-old can out-fundraise the pros, don't miss this fresh, funny and fiercely determined take on birdwatching.



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10:30 – 11:15

WILD WALKS WITH INDY AND BENJI – WALKING AND DRAWING IN THE WILD.

Indy Kiemel Greene and Benji Fallow discuss their extensive walks in nature, the wildlife they encountered, and their fundraising efforts for nature charities during these walks. Participants will have the opportunity to join in and learn how to draw a feather, ask questions, and take part in a discussion.



11:30 – 12:15

EMMA POCKLINGTON: THE POWER OF STORYTELLING TO HELP THE PLANET

Emma Pocklington, Editor of The RSPB Magazine and nature writer, explains what good storytelling is, how you do it and how it can help the natural world.



12:30 – 13:15

DOORSTEP WILDLIFE OR TRIP OF A LIFETIME?

Naomi Johns and Daniel Hill co-host a debate on the age-old question of local or global. They'll be joined by two teams of who will discuss the pros and cons of staying local or going global and will be encouraging the audience to get involved too!



13:30 – 14:15

HARRY READ: TURNING STORIES INTO ACTION

Discover how powerful storytelling through nature photography and filmmaking can shift perspectives, and spark conservation impact. In this session, wildlife photographer and filmmaker Harry Read shares how stories from the field – from remote Finnish forests to the familiar UK countryside – can inspire change for nature.



14:30 – 15:15

CONSERVATION & MEDIA

A panel discussion about the role of media and social media to spread and promote conservation messages, encourage inclusivity, raise awareness and gently campaign for positive action. Hosted by Ajay Tegala with panellists: Şeniz Mustafa, Katie Monk, Benjamin Fallow and Rebecca's Butterfly Farm.



15:30 – 16:15

QUIZ AND POT PAINTING WITH BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION'S YOUTH PANEL

Butterfly Conservation's Youth Panel will be hosting a fun quiz about identifying butterflies & moths from their food plants, followed by painting pots for planting butterfly food to support the conservation of these magnificent creatures. This is an opportunity to socialize with other young conservationists and hopefully learn a new thing or two about butterflies & moths.

