

THE HUB @ GLOBAL BIRDFAIR

FRIDAY 10TH JULY



09:30 - 10:15 | THE OSPREY LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION: SOCIAL CONNECTION & INTRODUCTIONS

Meet members of the Osprey Leadership Foundation and learn about our work.



10:30 - 11:15 | ALICIA HAYDEN: MINDFUL WILDLIFE ART

Learn how to draw different local species found in Rutland, and take a break from the Global Birdfair in this mindful wildlife art session. Suitable for all ages, from beginners to professionals.



11:30 - 11:50 | DANIEL HILL: REWILDING A SOMERSET DAIRY FARM

Broken, misused, and ecologically denuded of all natural function. How do you turn an old dairy farm into a wildlife haven? Join Daniel Hill, ranger for Heal Rewilding, as he takes you through the journey.



12:00 - 12:20 | KELLY HUNT: LAND SHAPED BY TEETH AND HOOVES - CONSERVATION GRAZING FOR LANDSCAPE RECOVERY

A short talk by Kelly Hunt, Wilder Landscapes Officer for Dorset Wildlife Trust, on how grazing is being used to benefit wildlife, from traditional habitat management practices on nature reserves, to rewilding and entire landscape-scale restoration projects. Large herbivores are needed now more than ever.



12:30 - 13:15 | AN INTRODUCTION TO CURLEW CONSERVATION

General Manager of Curlew Action, Flo Blackburn, will run a panel session with individuals working and volunteering in the world of Curlew conservation to talk about people's career paths, experiences, aspirations, and what the world of wader conservation is like! *Panellists: George Cook (Communications Officer - WWT), Ryan Burrell (Director - Curlew Recovery Partnership) & Dexter Painter-Coates (Curlew Action Ambassador).*



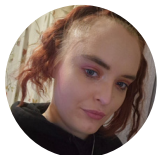
14:00 - 14:45 | TECHNOLOGY - PANDORA'S BOX OR THE REMEDY FOR NATURE RECOVERY?

How does the human quest for ever-advancing technologies affect our connection with nature and wildlife? While the trickle-down and tailored development of new equipment and software have helped to unveil biological mysteries and enhance our ability to understand the natural world, we are facing a crisis which may redefine the way modern communities access and interact with nature. This panel discussion will try to unpick one of the most important matters of this generation. *Panellists: Elliot Frost (Boothby Wildland), Graham Smith, Naomi Davis (BTO, Bat Conservation Trust), Emma Dakin (Butterfly Conservation), Anya Wicikowski (RSPB Cymru)*



15:00 - 15:45 | RANGERS AND WARDENS: ARCHITECTS OF WILD BRITAIN

Critical to nature recovery in the UK is the role of the many rangers, wardens, and countryside officers who turn up day in and day out to protect our natural world. Hear from those who are working within the field, covering topics such as habitat creation and management, biodiversity monitoring, and community engagement and education. *Panellists: Daniel Hill (Heal Rewilding), James Cartwright (Dorset Wildlife Trust), Elliot Frost (Nattergal) and Kelly Hunt (Wilder Landscapes Officer for Dorset Wildlife Trust).*



16:00 - 16:20 | ROSIE THOMPSON: MY BIRDING JOURNEY

Rosie Thompson shares how she got into birding at the age of 12 and how it has remained an important part of her life ever since, especially since becoming a mother.



16:30 - 17:15 | RECLAIMING THE INFLUENCER: FROM CONTENT TO CONSERVATION

Discover how social media is being used to change what it means to be an influencer and inspire real action for nature. This interactive session explores impactful content creation in the nature space and gives young people the opportunity to hear from Conservation Influencers. *Panellists: @emilyinnature_, @naturewithgeorgia, @georgecuckoo, @wildlifeemily, @rhystouringnature*

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SATURDAY 11TH JULY



09:30 - 09:50 | THE OSPREY LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION: SOCIAL CONNECTION & INTRODUCTIONS

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10:00 - 10:20 | FEEDS FOR FEATHERS - USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO INSPIRE ACTION!

Join this RSPB Youth Panel to explore how social media can spark real impact for nature in this interactive, ideas-driven workshop. Using birds as our focus, we'll experiment with building bold, memorable 'characters' for species, taking inspiration from the RSPB's humorous, empathy-building approach, and test what could resonate with younger audiences online. Packed with creative activities and linked to RSPB channels, this session will generate fresh, co-designed content ideas to help us tell stronger stories for nature.

Panellists: Jess, Katie, Hannah, Alfie, & Taalu from RSPB Youth.



10:30 - 11:15 | GO BIRDING WITH EBIRD!

Your birding can help power bird conservation! Join Alli Smith and Stephen Menzie from the Cornell Lab to learn how data from eBird are used to study bird population trends and inform policy, and then go on a short birding walk to make an eBird checklist together.



11:30 - 12:15 | YOU BELONG IN CONSERVATION - EVEN IF YOU THINK YOU DON'T!

Join UK Youth 4 Nature for a 45-minute session exploring youth voice, belonging, imposter syndrome, and inclusion in conservation. Through short presentations, a panel discussion, and a breakout activity, participants reflect on barriers, share positive stories, and reimagine what conservation could look like if everyone truly belonged. You don't need permission to belong to nature—you already do.

Panellists: Jake Terence-Cohen, Robson Peisley



12:30 - 13:15 | FROM LYNX TO FUNGI: A CONSERVATION TRANSLOCATION WORKSHOP

A short introductory panel on different conservation translocation projects, including lynx, beaver, fungi, white-tailed eagle, kentish glory moth and ladybird spider. Followed by table-based discussions on what necessary steps are needed for conservation translocation projects, lessons learned, and what skills might be needed for each project.

Led by: *Katiana Saleiko, Seniz Mufasta, Anna Williams, Harry Hiscox, Sophie Common, James Cartwright, Ezz Miles*



13:30 - 14:15 | THE OSPREY LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION IN CONVERSATION WITH... MEGAN MCCUBBIN!

Megan McCubbin joins Naomi Johns to share memorable wildlife experiences from 2026 so far, and explore how young people can effect change by finding their place and their voice in the nature movement.



14:30 - 15:15 | URBAN AND RURAL WILDLING

Exploring the stories behind the wildlife places special to Ajay Telega and David Lindo (the Urban Birder) through an interactive panel discussion: what are the challenges, successes, similarities and differences when it comes to creating and celebrating wild spaces in both urban and remote locations?



15:30 - 16:15 | MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!



16:30 - 17:15 | SUPPORTIVE NETWORKS AND POWERFUL PROJECTS: HOW TO BUILD A YOUTH COMMUNITY

A panel discussion and interactive workshop exploring how to build supportive nature communities and launch your own impactful environmental projects. Drawing on Generation Nature's journey, we'll inspire young people to forge authentic connections, overcome barriers, and launch creative, grassroots initiatives that drive real change for nature.

Panellists: Generation Nature members Freddie Emms, Kae Wrenn, Galatea Hoyle, Alexander Wood, & Alana Wheat.

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SUNDAY 12TH JULY



09:30 - 09:50 | GROUP WORKSHOP: MOULT IN PASSERINES

Moult is the process of feather replacement in birds; it's integral to survival and breeding. Join BTO Bird Ringing Trainer Sam Pitt Miller (S Permit) to learn about patterns of moult in passerines, and how these can be used to ascertain a bird's age. This will be of particular interest if you are a trainee bird ringer, but is open to anyone.



10:00 - 10:20 | DEXTER PAINTER-COATES: NATURE - THE TEEN YEARS

Dexter is a 14-year-old lifelong nature lover, finding his way as a teenager breaking into the nature sector. In this session, he talks about some of the work he has done and the things he hopes to do in the future, and he hopes to inspire you to start your journey too, because you can't leave everything to the grown-ups!



10:30 - 11:15 | AVIAN ADVENTURES: WRITING ABOUT MIGRATORY BIRDS

A writing workshop for young people hosted by poet and nature writer Emily Hunt. Come along to explore the journeys and challenges faced by migratory birds, and tell their stories. Open to all abilities, with a relaxed, fun and supportive atmosphere



11:30 - 12:15 | BEING A WOMAN IN BIRDING

This year, Mya Bambrick and Amy King are filming a documentary on amazing women within the birding space. This panel will discuss the challenges, barriers, and inspiring stories from women making waves in the world of birding, prior to the documentary being released towards the end of 2026. *Panelists: Mya Bambrick, Amy King, Amira Nuseibeh, Elle Kaye and Alice Marlow.*



12:30 - 12:50 | ALICE MARLOW: FINDING BIRD NESTS: SUPPORTING THE BTO NEST RECORD SCHEME

Alice will present a talk exploring the importance of recording bird nests for conservation, with a focus on the British Trust for Ornithology's (BTO) Nest Record Scheme (NRS) and how you can get involved in monitoring efforts. She will also provide a brief introduction on how to find nests responsibly, along with some training on how to find some late-nesting species. In addition, Alice will share insights into BTO Youth's first-ever Nest Quest and how participants can still take part.



13:00 - 13:20 | AMY SQUIRE & JAMIE WARD: RINGING THROUGH THE HANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Ring Through the Hands of Young People is a whistle-stop tour of bird-ringing from the perspective of two young trainee bird-ringers, aiming for a career in conservation. This talk will explore what bird-ringing is, what we do and how any young person can get involved, as the future of conservation is literally in our hands!



13:30 - 14:15 | QUIZ: BIRDFAIR LEGENDS VS THE NEXT GENERATION

Enjoy a challenge of the ages - young conservationists take on some of Global Bird Fair's most experienced naturalists! You can even test your own knowledge against the experts, with opportunities for the audience to answer too.

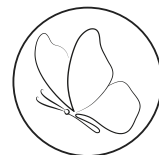
Bird Fair legends team: Ajay Telega, Ryan Dalton & Sean McCormack

Next generation team: Freddie Emms, Kae Wrenn, Seniz Mufasta & Kat Saleiko



14:30 - 14:50 | TARA MCEVOY-WILDING: WILDLIFE DISTURBANCE ON LUNDY ISLAND

Tara is the assistant warden on Lundy Island in the Bristol Channel. Lundy is quite a unique place, steeped in history and tradition so solutions aren't always easy to find. Tara's talk will focus on this, starting with an introduction to conservation on Lundy before moving on to the issues of Atlantic Grey Seal and Seabird Disturbance and what her team are doing to tackle this.



15:00 - 15:25 | BRITAIN'S FAVOURITE BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION

Join Butterfly Conservation Ambassadors and Youth Panel in a discussion about the results of this summer's vote to find Britain's Favourite Butterfly, share favourite butterfly stories, and find out why these insects are so important to us. *Panelists: Ajay Tegala, Seniz Mufasta, Billy Heaney and the Butterfly Conservation Youth panel.*