Dorset Youth COP

13 November 2026

Coastland College:
Kingston Maurward Campus

We're excited to welcome you to the first Dorset Youth COP

Plan for the day

9:30 - Welcome
10:00 - Workshop session 1
11:00 - Workshop session 2
12.00 - Workshop session 3
12:45 - Lunch
13:20 - Green Careers session
14.20 - Closing session
14.30 - Travel home

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Mad to Magic: Future Rebels 2040

Rachel Parsons (The What If Department)

Using LEGO SERIOUS PLAY methodology, you'll use imagination and storytelling to investigate the systems that shape our lives: housing, food, transport, business, leisure and tech.

FRUSTRATION: Spot the problems:
You'll explore the madness of your world today. Get it out in bricks, name it.
TIME TRAVEL: Shaped perspectives.
Using AI-generated future scenarios, you'll sprint-learn what's real elsewhere already, what's coming and what's possible.
FUTURE BUILDER: Shift the system:
You'll build what's in your imagination to suggest solutions for 2040.
Creativity usually flows and all builds are valuable.

The session then shifts from problems to possibilities. Through a series of rapid "changemaker" builds, you'll explore what you love, what you want more of, and the ideas you'll have to make the world better. The power of play unlocks deeper engagement, creativity and collaboration, helping you to develop systems thinking, communication and solution-focused problem-solving skills.

Nature's Heroes

Sophie Pain (Dorset Local Nature Partnership)

This workshop focuses on thinking about taking action to support our habitats and species in nature through creativity. Firstly, you'll think about what wildlife and habitats in Dorset need and then you'll design your hero – it could be a superhero or someone like David Attenborough – drawing or highlighting what skills they'll need to have to take action.

Once you have your hero and the actions they might need to take, You'll either draw / write a storyboard about them, like a comic book, describing and showing their missions; or write a blog or poem that describes who they are, what habitats and species they're helping.

We'll be sharing some of your amazing creations from the three workshops at the Dorset COP (https://dorsetcop.info/) on Saturday 14 November and with you after the event.

Careers Panel

This session will be led by Laura Baldwin (Olympic Sailor and climate advocate)

The session will be splt into two panels of people working within the ‘green’ and ‘blue’ sectors.

Laura will ask the panels some questions to understand everyone’s roles and then you’ll have an opportunity to ask questions.

We have confirmed speakers cover the following roles (subject to changes on the day) and have invited some others:

- Sustainable construction
- Eco gardening
- Renewable energy
- Regenerative agriculture
- Data analysis
- Sustainable fashion
- Sustainable business
- Sustainability
- Practical conservation
- Dorset member of Youth Parliament

End of the Day

We’ll then end the day and hope you’ll have a greater understanding of what we need to do to support our nature and climate in Dorset and be inspired to take action.

If you have any queries please email:
info@dorsetlnp.org.uk

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