



# youth Summit

28 MARCH 2019

## **Time is running out! We are at a tipping point where we have the ability to prevent irreversible damage to our planet**

2019 is the Year of Green Action; young people are demanding a greener, sustainable future which prioritises the environment. Momentum for action is building – will you be part of this change?

On the 28th March 2019 at Nower Wood Education Centre, near Leatherhead, we will be hosting a Youth Summit – a chance for 16-18 year olds to come together and stand up for nature.

We want your thoughts, ideas and opinions on current environmental matters and what we can all do to make a real difference. There will be inspirational keynote speakers, hands-on workshops and an open forum to discuss and debate with fellow students.

You will learn lobbying and promotional skills, improve your knowledge of our native species and at the same time be part of something that could enhance your UCAS applications and CVs.

Time	Agenda
9am	Arrival, pastries and opening activity
9.30am	Welcome and Introduction Surrey Wildlife Trust and the Year of Green Action - Sarah Jane Chimbwandira (CEO)
10am	The Environment Bill: Time for Change - Will Parsons (Campaign Officer) Keynote Speaker: Sophie Pavelle - #IWill: Connecting with Nature through the Digital World
10.40am	Break & light refreshments
11am	The Value of Nature: Connectivity and Biodiversity - Ben Siggery (GIS Analyst)
11.15am	Workshop Session 1
12pm	Hot lunch (provided)
12.45pm	Workshop Session 2
1.30pm	Workshop Session 3
2.15pm	Keynote Speaker: Nick Baker - #MyWildLife and a close up look at the amazing creatures found in the workshops
3pm	Forum: 6 Pledges for Nature - How can we make a real difference?
4pm	Departure

## Workshop Details

**All attendees will be able participate in all three of the 45 minute workshops over the course of the day.**

### **Workshop 1: Recording Species**

How can we protect nature if we don't know what is there? Citizen science allows everyone to be part of identifying and recording biodiversity. Take part in a Bioblitz and learn about the

nature on your doorstep while playing a key role in scientific research. All of the data collected throughout the day will be sent to SBIC (Surrey Biodiversity Information Centre) and used to contribute to the Surrey Wildlife Trust's research and monitoring plan.

### **Workshop 2: Time for Change**

This government has promised to leave the environment in a better state than they inherited it, do you think they are doing enough? Time for you to take action! We will workshop a range of skills to help you make a real impact from launching your campaigns and initiatives at school to lobbying your local MPs. In teams there will be a chance time to develop concepts and visuals, storyboard ideas and develop a social media plan.

### **Workshop 3: Nature needs #NoFilter**

Join science communicator Sophie Pavelle and see how her wild adventures are documented on her Instagram. Discover how to make the ordinary extraordinary through vlogs and social media. David Attenborough can't do it all so get your phone out and get going!

## Important Information

This event is free, but booking is essential to secure your place. Please use the form below to book. Groups are limited to four students and one teacher to maximise the number of schools who can attend, but if you would like more spaces please email us (details below) and we will see if we can be flexible.

A hot lunch will be provided, as well as refreshments throughout the day. You are welcome to bring any snacks to supplement this, but please be aware our centre is strictly nut free.

The Youth Summit will be held at Nower Wood Education Centre, near Leatherhead. You can find out more about the facilities on our website. The building is fully wheelchair accessible and has a Changing Places toilet. If any of your attendees have accessibility needs please let us know in advance so that we can ensure that everyone gets the most out of the day.

There is no direct public transport to the Centre and parking is limited, so we encourage car sharing where possible. Ideally, each school should bring one car rather than a minibus to maximise available spaces. Alternatively, students can be dropped off and collected by parents.

Please arrive promptly at 9:00am, park in the car park and walk through the archway up the hill to the Centre.

### **Please Bring:**

- \* Smart phones and tablets, social media is a big part of the day!
- \* Something to write on and write with
- \* Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear
- \* Warm, waterproof coat

**Every delegate gets to take home an Eco Swag Bag!**

## Keynote Speakers



### Nick Baker

Television wildlife presenter Nick Baker has travelled to the wildest parts of the planet in search of weird, bizarre and incredible creatures. He has worked with National Geographic, the BBC and the Discovery Channel to name just a few.



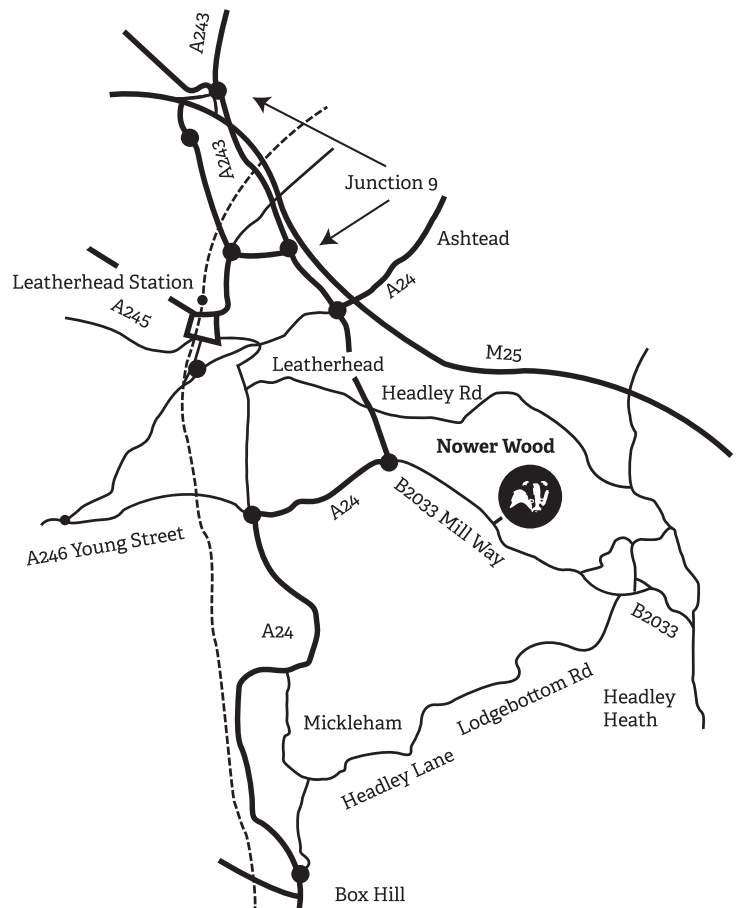
### Sophie Pavelle

Forever intrigued by the natural world, Sophie's love of wildlife, adventure and digital media has seen her work alongside The Wildlife Trusts, Countryfile Magazine, BBC Earth and BBC Springwatch. Sophie is especially keen on inspiring millennials and 'Gen Z', to get outside and stay curious about the natural world.

## Directions

Nower Wood is located between Leatherhead and Headley on Mill Way – postcode KT22 8QA. If you are travelling on the M25, leave at Junction 9 and travel towards Dorking until you reach the Beaverbrook roundabout. Take the first exit of the roundabout onto Mill Way.

On arrival at Nower Wood, please walk up the steps from the car park to the Field Centre



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