



youth Summit

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2020 marks five years since the Paris Climate Agreement, when the UN countries will review their progress towards these crucial targets. Young people are demanding a greener, sustainable future which prioritises the environment and acknowledges the intrinsic links between nature and climate.

Momentum for action is building – will you be part of this change?

On the 26th March 2020 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. By the end of the day, together we have made Pledges for Climate & Nature – actions for individuals in Surrey and beyond to adopt and make a lasting difference to the state of nature in the UK and the future of the planet.

Time	Agenda
9am	Arrival & Refreshments
9.30am	Welcome and Introduction
10am	Talks from Keynote Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Saddington: The Climate Emergency• Sarah-Jane Chimbwandira: Nature & Climate Change• David Lindo: Urban Spaces for Nature
10.40am	Break & light refreshments
11am	Workshop Session 1
12pm	Hot vegan lunch provided
12.45pm	Workshop Session 2
1.45pm	Workshop Session 3
2.45pm	Break & light refreshments
3pm	Inspiration from Nature & Panel Discussion
3.45pm	Pledges for Nature
4pm	Departure

Workshop Details

All attendees will be able to participate in all three of the 1 hour workshops over the course of the day.

Workshop 1: Bioblitz

How can we protect nature if we don't know what is there? Take part in a Bioblitz and discover the wildlife found on your doorstep while learning techniques to record and monitor biodiversity. We will be searching for invertebrates in the ponds and leaf litter around Nower Wood, as well as checking small mammal traps and looking out for birds. To finish, David Lindo will talk about simple actions you can take to make space for nature in your own suburban/urban areas.

Workshop 2: Sustainability & Social Media

Join environmentalist and influencer Stephanie Todd and learn how you can make sustainable lifestyle choices every day that collectively can make a huge difference to the planet. Stephanie will demonstrate how social media can be used effectively to communicate global environmental challenges and influence your peers to make positive and sustainable changes.

Workshop 3: Communicating Climate Science

Communication is the key to action! David Saddington believes that if people can understand the problem and how it will affect them, then they will be more willing to take action. Discover how to take the complex science behind climate change and make it relevant and accessible to the people around you. Learn how to use your science communication skills to launch a project or campaign or even lobby your MP.

Important Information

This event is free, but booking is essential to secure your place.

Please visit surreywildlifetrust.org/youthsummit to book.

Groups are currently limited to six students and one or two teacher(s) 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.

In order to attend, it is **essential** that all attendees complete the consent form that will be emailed to you upon booking. Please return this to us in advance of the event.

A hot vegan 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 or take a short taxi ride from Leatherhead station.

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

On the day, you need to 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

Keynote Speakers



Stephanie Todd (aka Sustainable Stephanie)

is a passionate UK based environmentalist and full time corporate environment advisor, with an aim to inspire others to learn more about the world around them and to live sustainably. She uses social media platforms like Instagram to share sustainable lifestyle tips.



David Lindo is the Urban Birder - broadcaster, writer, speaker and tour leader. His mission is to engage city folk around the world with the environment through the medium of birds. He has written countless articles on urban birds, urban conservation and wildlife in general. He is a regular television and radio presenter.

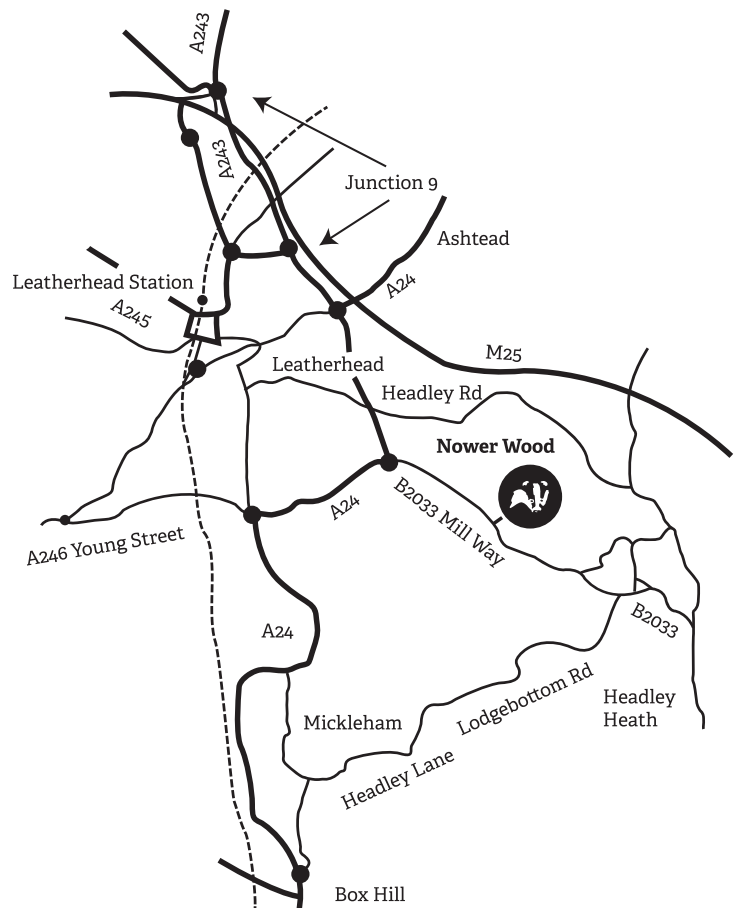


David Saddington is a climate change policy maker & environmentalist. He has communicated the importance of climate change action to millions, pioneered innovative policy change and worked with business on bold sustainability strategies. David now works for the UK Government designing policy to get to net-zero emissions by 2050.

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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