



Youth voice 16-25

Young people’s voices are increasingly being heard on environmental issues – from calling for more action on climate change to demanding more outdoor learning opportunities.

FSC works to ensure all young people can increase their environmental knowledge and connect more with nature, but also broadens horizons as to what they could do with their knowledge and passion for the natural world.

FSC Youth Council

In 2021, FSC’s new Youth Council was set up to hear directly from young people. It changes them from just being consumers of FSC products to being co-creators, ensuring that what we offer is relevant for their age group, study plans and career aspirations.

Our council members benefit from shaping a national charity and earning career skills and contacts. FSC benefits from the insight of 12 young people.

“ I strongly feel that I wouldn’t have chosen to study biology at university or have the job I do today without the FSC. Joining the Youth Council is now a fantastic opportunity to ensure that other young people can have access to the same positive experiences that I have.

Subsidised natural history courses

During 2021, FSC has been providing subsidised places on our natural history courses for young people aged 18-25 in England. We want to enable young people to take on volunteer and professional roles in the green economy.

Young Darwin Scholarship

Every year, FSC provides financial support for people aged 16-25 to attend life changing experiences through biodiversity training scholarships. This includes mentoring from inspiring experts and meeting life-long friends. In 2021, FSC received a four-fold increase in demand for our scholarships. And this is after FSC increased our offer to 75 from 15 places. Many applicants come from disadvantaged backgrounds and can’t afford to attend the environment training they need to get employment.



Higher education placements

Every year, FSC employs students to train them in environmental education. Our students get stuck into all aspects of FSC’s work from delivering courses, engaging with communities, and taking part in ongoing scientific research. Some also carry out their own research projects. They leave us having gained confidence, knowledge and a lot of practical skills.

