



# Working with Youth in the Cairngorms National Park (Scotland and rest of UK & Europe)

# John Muir Award



- The partnership with the John Muir Trust extends back to October 2003.
- To date 30,000 people have achieved a John Muir Award through the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA).
- Over 1500, teachers, youth workers and outdoor instructors have received training in its use.
- This output is equivalent to having 4 fte staff delivering the John Muir Award for CNPA.
- John Muir Award resources have been Cairngorms National Park branded to further enhanced the awareness raising of the CNP to John Muir Award participants.
- <https://www.johnmuirtrust.org/john-muir-award>



# Junior Ranger Project

- In 2008 the CNPA hosted the EUROPARC International Junior Ranger Camp at Glen Tanar with 48 junior Rangers from 11 countries attending, this kick started the Cairngorms National Park Junior Ranger Project in 2009.
- To date over 300 pupils from 7 secondary schools have taken part in the 5 day initial programme with many going on to take part in regular monthly activities.
- 16 Junior Rangers have taken part in an exchange programme with the Bavarian Forest NP and 12 Junior Ranger have attended international camps in Holland, Slovenia, Italy, Finland, Bavaria and Latvia.
- The project involves 11 partner organisations including Ranger Services, SNH and RSPB.
- The Junior Ranger Project covers all areas of the park and will continue to develop opportunities for the young people of the Cairngorms to learn new skills and find out about potential career pathways in the land based sector.
- <http://cairngorms.co.uk/caring-future/education-learning/projects-for-schools/junior-rangers/>

# Learning for all

- Working with under-represented groups
- Community Leadership Programme
- Developing skills and confidence in taking groups outdoors
- Some participants 18-25 years old



# Scottish Natural Heritage

- **Young Volunteers (Under Age 24) at SNH Managed NNRs**
  - in 15/16 we involved 162 young volunteers at our NNRs and in 14/15 we involved 282 young volunteers.
- **Young Volunteers Supported By SNH Grant Aid**
  - in 15/16 we supported 6,240 young volunteers through our grant aided projects.
  - Many of these projects aimed to increase the skills and confidence of the young people. Many of them led to the young people receiving a qualification or award.
  - A number of the projects also aimed to deliver improved health outcomes for the young people.





- **Youth Environment Panel Will ‘ReRoute’ Young People’s Attitudes To Nature**
- Young Scot and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) have joined forces to establish a bold, new National Youth Advisory Group named ReRoute.
- Made up of 14 young volunteers aged 13-23, the group will gather insights and ideas on biodiversity.
- They will be involved in actively engaging other young people to consider the importance of the Scottish Government’s 2020 Challenge for Scotland’s Biodiversity and the Route Map to 2020.
- <http://www.youngscot.net/youth-environment-panel-will-reroute-young-peoples-attitudes-to-nature/>



**Forestry Commission** Scotland  
Coimisean na Coilltearachd Alba

# Forestry Commission Scotland

- Youth Employment Skills Training Programme.
- 2011/12 supplied land-based training and employability skills to 203 young people between the ages of 16 and 24.
- 2012/13 FCS provided employment skills training for 245 young people within the CSGN.
- 2013/14 FCS provided employment skills training for around 204 young people within CSGN.
- 2014/15 FCS five training providers to train 126 young people.
- 2015/16 FCS trained 103 full time training positions and 92 voluntary positions.
- Aimed at people from excluded groups.



# National Biodiversity Network

- The Vision for Nature report has been published by A Focus on Nature (the UK's youth nature network ). <http://www.afocusonnature.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Vision-for-Nature-report-1.pdf>
- <https://nbn.org.uk/news/11910/>
- **Key aims of the report**
- There are two key aims of the report:
- 1.To encourage young people to think more politically about wildlife and its future in the UK.
- 2.To put the youth nature movement on the radar of politicians and decision makers in the UK.



# The Vision for Nature report

- **Key messages of the report**
- The report has some key messages:
- - A movement of UK young people care about the natural environment and wildlife and want to see action to protect it.
  - We want to work with politicians, governments, business and NGOs to make our vision a reality
  - We want to see a flourishing natural world by 2050
  - New polling shows that 90% of young people think politicians protecting nature is important and that the environment is their top voting priority
  - Sir David Attenborough has said this about the report: “None of us own the natural world. We only hold it in trust for the next generation. It is a cause for hope that as this report shows, so many of those who will inherit it feel the same”

# Key recommendations of the report

- 1. We would like the UK Government to bring out a 250 year plan for nature that achieves our vision by 2050, then sets out how nature will be maintained for generations to come.  
2. All tax breaks and subsidies for fossil fuels in the UK to be redirected to renewable energy.  
3. All agricultural payments to incentivise management of farmland that benefits wildlife  
4. 25% of UK land and marine environment to be managed for nature to the highest standards under robust legislation.  
5. A programme of rewilding and reintroduction of absent native species, including keystone species such as beaver and lynx, will be implemented in suitable key locations around the UK.  
6. Throughout primary school 20% of lesson time will be spent outdoors in quality green space, with half of this spent learning about and interacting with the natural world. Natural History will become a key part of the curriculum in secondary education.  
7. A joint government, business and third sector programme to create ten city national parks across the UK and to develop urban nature reserves and wildlife gardens in the most deprived communities in the UK.
- <http://www.afocusonnature.org/>

# Youth Action 2016 Bavarian forest National park

## Wolf –Training for Ranger and Volunteer Ranger (Youth+)



# Support the Ranger Service on national camps, during the JR Basic programme and different working activities







**Volunteer Ranger  
presented their  
activities to parents and  
kids during the closing  
ceremony of the basic  
Junior Ranger Summer  
programme**





# Work on a peat bog renaturation





# Volunteer Ranger trained Junior Ranger to be Mentor for the official guided JR GPS Tour





## Volunteer Ranger helps at different information desks





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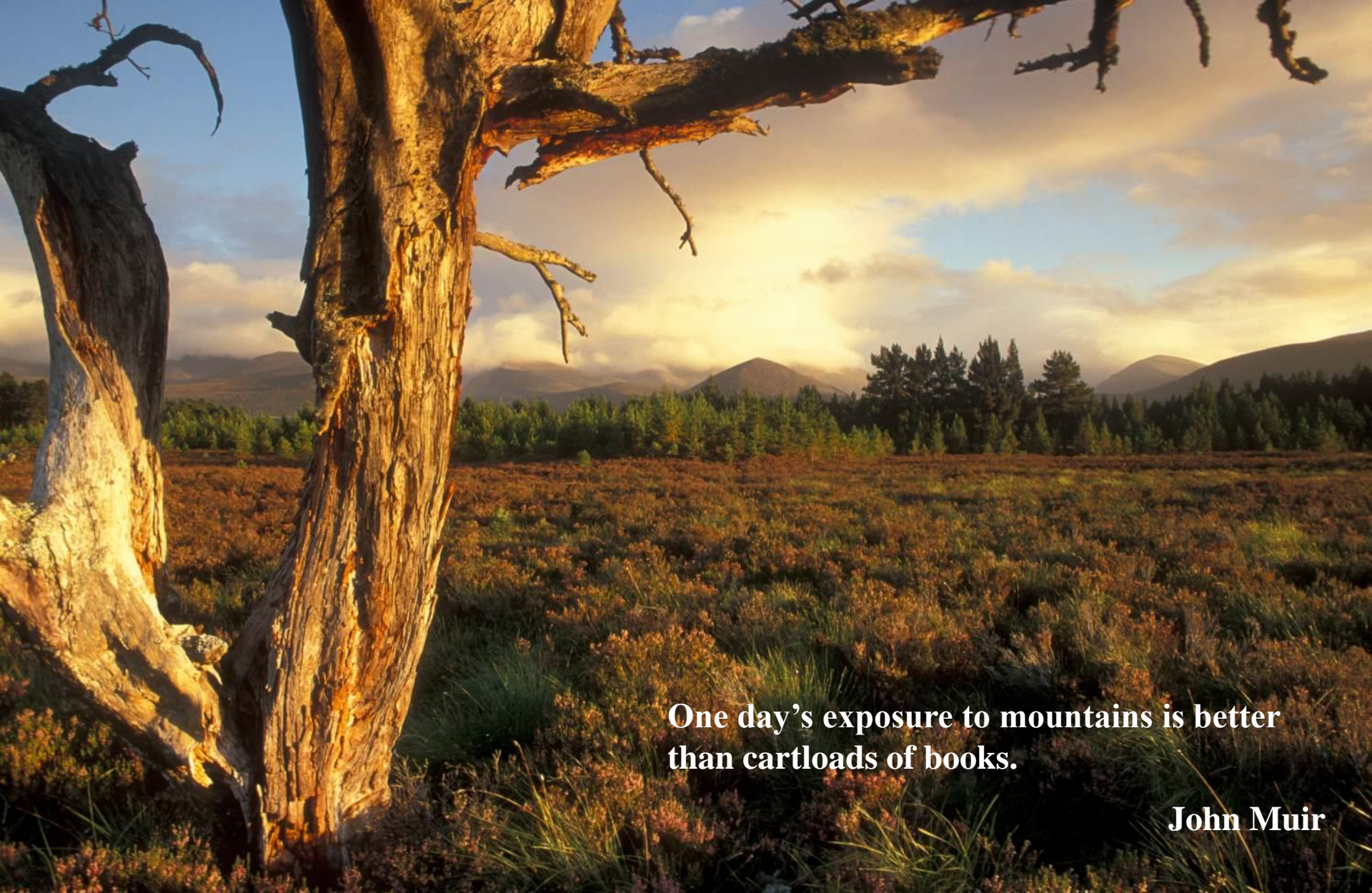




# The next generation!







**One day's exposure to mountains is better  
than cartloads of books.**

**John Muir**