YOUTH RANGERS

The story so far...
Issues Faced by Young People in Pembrokeshire...

- Rural location
- Changing economy
- Poor physical health and mental wellbeing
- Nature disconnection
- “Nothing to do!”
Youth Rangers...

- Who?
- Why?
The Early Years...

https://youtu.be/_wXVrrF4A0c
More recently...
Hidden places
Practical action
The Wow Factor
Spreading the Word - Photoshoot for Guardian article
Fun!
Oh, and new skills 😊
Put **that** on your C.V......
U.K. National Parks Volunteer Group of the year 2015
Radio Pembrokeshire Young Achiever Awards 2017 – Commitment to the Environment
Challenges

- Limited Resources
- Meeting needs of Young People
- Communication
- Youth-led scheme
- Links with other groups
- Young People don’t want to leave!
1. Are these issues important enough for Pembrokeshire Youth Assembly to ENDORSE the Youth Manifesto?

2. What ideas do you have for the future?
OUR CALL TO ACTION

Connect with your local youth, visit schools and youth clubs. Encourage them to share their thoughts to inspire their peers to create a common initiative.

Apply for funding for projects to engage with young people if necessary and reach out for community support.

Put your project plans into action – working out leadership opportunities and governance involvement in collaboration with your young partners.

Together, select the priority issues you want to address from the Manifesto, start planning a project together, work on a shared understanding of the local needs and solutions.

Monitor and evaluate your progress, sharing responsibility with young people.

Report and publicise your ideas, progress and results via local and social media.
What next?
Solutions

- Raise profile with the bosses!
- Build funding for Youth Rangers scheme into other Social Inclusion projects where possible
- Provide a diverse programme that is fun, social, makes a difference, highlights special qualities of the Park and nature. And includes food! And trips to other places!!
- Targeted recruitment
- Promotion through Word of Mouth / Outreach events
- Facilitated workshops / meetings
- Basecamp?
- Get involved in other schemes / projects (John Muir Award, Europarc Youth+ / Youth Manifesto, etc.)
Facebook Page ‘Your Park’ (PCNPA)

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