



Scottish Borders Young Rewilders

Borders Forest Trust Visit

In February our Young Rewilders combined forces with the Bright Green Nature Ambassadors, for a really enjoyable visit to the Borders Forest Trust Corehead Site.

Our host for the day was Adrian Kershaw the BFT Engagement Officer and Site Officer. He was our guide and our teacher and clearly took pride in this incredible place as he shared some of his vast amounts of knowledge. It truly was a privilege to be in Adrian's company, and to learn so much.

The morning session was a partial site tour, where we could clearly see the huge amount of ecological restoration work that had already taken place. After lunch it was onto the slopes to plant native trees. Our enthusiastic group of volunteers successfully planted almost 200 trees - to add to the many thousands already there at various stages of their lives.



Scottish Borders Climate Action Network

We'd like to say a special **"Thank You"** to SBCAN for all the support that they provide to our Young Rewilders. They have been there for us since the very start, and without them some trips (such as the one above) would not be possible.



Hope For Nature Hustings

For this event (which was held at the Festival Theatre in Pitlochry) our group was supported by another wonderful organisation - the **Scottish Rewilding Alliance**.

The SRA provided transport from Selkirk, so that some Young Rewilders would have a unique opportunity to participate in this well organised event.

With the elections just a matter of weeks away, representatives of the main political parties were asked what they would do to ensure that Scotland became a Rewilding Nation.



Several of our Young Rewilders are seen chatting to Mark Ruskell MSP in the Festival Theatre Foyer



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Logo Launch

The launch of our new logo (designed by team member - Evie), coincides with the Young Rewilders celebrating their **FIRST ANNIVERSARY!**



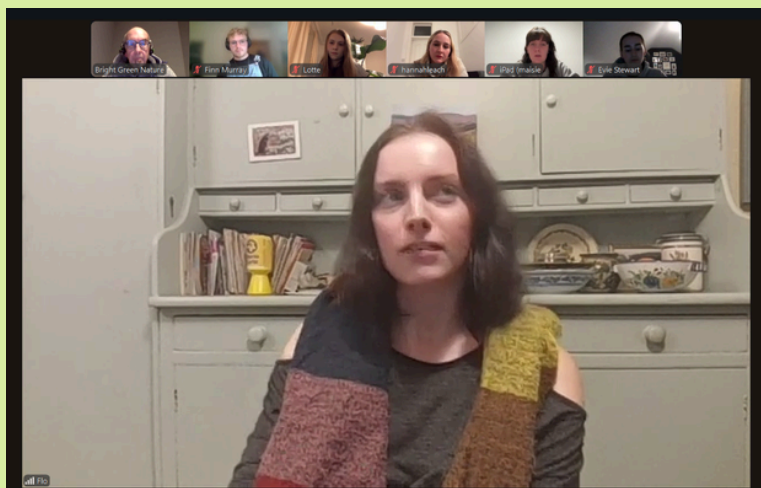
The first year has been a busy one where group members have taken part in several events, volunteered with other like-minded charities, been politically active, and enjoyed bespoke learning experiences. As the group continues to grow, and evolve, we all look forward to seeing what the following years will bring.

Flo Blackbourn (star of Why Not Scotland?)



Why Not Scotland? is a feature-length documentary, which forms a central part of the Alliance's Rewilding Nation campaign. The film accompanies Flo, a young Scot from Glasgow, on an intensely personal journey, as she seeks out examples of nature recovery around Europe. Like many of her generation, Flo is concerned by the state of nature and fearful about an uncertain future. However, during her travels, she discovers places where nature is making a spectacular comeback, breathing life back into the landscape and revitalising human communities.

So, our Young Rewilders were absolutely thrilled when Flo, very kindly, gave up her own time to chat to them (online) recently. Flo talked about her personal story, including how she was chosen to be the protagonist (aka the star) in this influential rewilding film, and some of her incredible experiences during filming. She also shared a thought provoking presentation and discussed her current role - as General Manager of Curlew Action. Afterwards she was happy to answer numerous questions.



Thank you Flo!

Content Creation Training with Bloom Media

When Bright Green Nature asked Borders based media experts Bloom Media, to design and deliver a totally bespoke training session, covering the intricacies of Social Media Content Creation, they rose to the challenge.



The course, which was a huge success, was delivered over 3 sessions - indoors, outdoors and online.



Our thanks go to the funders who made this all possible - **The Nineveh Charitable Trust**, and **SBCAN** (once again). Who knew that this younger generation could still learn so much on this subject!

Feeling Tempted to Join the Young Rewilders?

The Scottish Borders Young Rewilders is a new and expanding initiative. We are growing in size and in reputation. We have members from many parts of the Borders, including - Peebles, Selkirk, Chirside, Hawick, Duns, Galashiels and Stow, a few of whom are resident at different Universities in various parts of the country.



We aim to give as many young people as possible a voice, and a unique opportunity to shape their own future, so we are always keen to spread the word. Above you can see Evie on our stand at the Peebles **Back to Nature Festival**, where we enjoyed the opportunity to support an important local community event back whilst chatting to interested parties and handing out flyers. **If you would like a flyer or a poster for your school, community space or workplace, then please contact Fraser (see details below).**

JOIN US TODAY, AND BE A PART OF SOMETHING REALLY SPECIAL!



This is your chance to make **connections**, gain **opportunities**, take part in **activities** and, most of all - to make a difference.



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If you're aged 16 - 24 and care about nature, wildlife, climate change and biodiversity **this group is for you.** Contact Fraser for more info -

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