ABOUT THE PENPONT PROJECT

The Penpont Project is the largest intergenerational nature restoration project of its kind in the UK. Our vision is for Penpont to emerge as a place where people of all ages and walks of life can connect to nature and help catalyse a wider network of intergenerational nature recovery projects. After 3 years of partnership building, research, residential visits, planning and mapping of the land and its ecology we are now in the action phase of the project. Working with experts and partners from a range of fields, we are using practices such as agroforestry, conservation grazing and habitat creation to enhance the diversity of life at Penpont.

WHAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY?

We are looking for 6 to 8 young people to join our Youth Leadership Group (YLG). You should be:

- From/living in the local area of the Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) i.e. within one hour’s drive of Penpont
- Aged 13-17
- Passionate and motivated to take action for our planet and local communities

YLG members commit to:

- Attending 4 residential visits per year
- Participating in local community action days between visits
- Interested in protecting nature, tackling climate change and working as a team with other young people and adults
- Excited to participate in both classroom-style workshops (e.g. project planning) and on-the-land nature restoration and education work (e.g. tree planting and habitat creation)

“\[It feels magical to come up with plans together and watch them blossom\]”

Willow, YLG member
VISITING PENPONT

Location and Address
Activities take place both on-site and throughout the surrounding area. The address is:

Penpont Estate
Brecon
Powys
LD3 8EU

Travel information
Typically local young people are dropped off and collected at the site by a parent/carer. If you need transport support please let us know.

Accommodation
Residential visits take place at Penpont House. Young people stay overnight in shared bedrooms or dormitories during the autumn and winter months and in tents during spring and summer. AFC staff members stay in the same accommodation building and campgrounds with young people and supervise them at all times. If you have any questions about accommodation please let us know.

Meals
During residential visits all meals are provided. We cook meals together or use a local caterer. All meals are vegetarian. We cater to dietary requirements and allergies (e.g. lactose intolerant, vegan, coeliac etc).

Costs
Participating in the project is FREE. All accommodation, food, activities and necessary travel are included.

Supervision, Safeguarding & Safety
Safety and security are extremely important to us. All staff and volunteers receive the appropriate training and background checks, as outlined in AFC’s Child Safeguarding Policy. Young people will be supervised and all venues and activities are rigorously assessed to ensure the highest safety standards.

AFC policies available on request:
- Child Safeguarding
- Child E-Safety
- Health and Safety
- Equality and Diversity
- Visits
- Transport
- Whistleblowing
- Data Protection
ABOUT THE PROJECT PARTNERS

The Penpont Project partners are Action for Conservation (AFC), the Penpont Estate and Tirmawr Farm. AFC is a UK-based youth environmental action charity working with young people aged 12-24 from diverse backgrounds. Their work inspires and empowers the next generation of environmental leaders. The Penpont Estate is set on the banks of the River Usk, in the heart of the Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park. Penpont weaves land, people and nature together. Tirmawr Farm is home to the Davies family, who work the farmland of Penpont, raising sheep and cows. They are adapting their farming practices to encourage nature and support local communities. Together these partners and the YLG are working together to restore nature and create a global gold-standard for inter-generational environmental action.

ACTIVITIES

Agendas for visits are shared with young people and parents/carers prior to the visit. Activities are co-organised and co-led by the YLG and consist of a mixture of:

- Hands-on conservation action (e.g. tree planting)
- Learning on the land (e.g. foraging)
- Ecological skills and research work (e.g. insect/mammal/plant surveys)
- Nature connection games
- Planning and strategy sessions
- Plus time to relax and socialise

APPLY ONLINE

To apply complete the online application form, you’ll need to provide some details about yourself, tell us what motivated you to apply and your connection to your local community.

APPLY ONLINE HERE

Or for more information visit: www.actionforconservation.org/penpont

If you have any further questions, please email: mentor@actionforconservation.org

TIMELINE

Deadline for applications: 14th July 2024

Interview dates: 22nd - 25th July 2024

Applicants notified: 5th - 9th August 2024