

# Links to other environmental social action projects

There are lots of social action projects that already exist that you might like to get involved with.

Each of these projects provides a meaningful way for you to get involved in conservation and environmental action. We've put together a list of projects that are accessible and can be tailored to different interests and skills.

## 1 Local clean-up campaigns

Organise or participate in clean-up events to remove litter from local parks, beaches, rivers or neighbourhoods.

- 🌿 **Impact:** Reduces pollution, protects wildlife, and promotes community pride.
- 🌿 **Resources:** [Earth Day Network – Great Global Clean-Up](#)

## 2 Tree planting initiatives

Lead or join tree planting events in your community or school to help increase green spaces and combat deforestation.

- 🌿 **Impact:** Enhances local air quality, provides wildlife habitat and helps reduce climate change.
- 🌿 **Resources:** [Free Trees for Schools and Communities - Woodland Trust](#)

## 3 Wildlife conservation awareness campaigns

Create and share educational materials or social media content to raise awareness about endangered species and conservation efforts.

- 🌿 **Impact:** Educates the public, advocates for support for conservation policies and encourages responsible behaviour.
- 🌿 **Resources:** [Our campaigns - What you can do \(chesterzoo.org\)](#)

## 4 Community gardens and urban agriculture

Start or participate in community gardens or urban agriculture projects to promote sustainable food practices and green spaces.

- 🌿 **Impact:** Reduces carbon footprint, supports local food systems and provides educational opportunities.
- 🌿 **Resources:** [Incredible Edible – If you eat, you're in](#)

## 5 Recycling and waste reduction programmes

Organise recycling events/workshops on waste reduction techniques to promote recycling and minimise waste in your community.

🌱 **Impact:** Decreases landfill waste, conserves resources and reduces environmental pollution.

🌱 **Resources:** [Recycle Week campaign](#) | [Recycle Now](#)

## 6 Beach and river clean-up events

Participate in or organise events focused on cleaning up beaches or riverbanks to address pollution and protect aquatic ecosystems.

🌱 **Impact:** Improves water quality, protects marine life and enhances the beauty of natural areas.

🌱 **Resources:** [Beach cleans](#) | [Volunteering](#) | [Marine Conservation Society \(mcsuk.org\)](#)

## 7 Energy conservation awareness

Lead workshops or create campaigns to educate others about energy-saving practices and renewable energy sources.

🌱 **Impact:** Reduces energy consumption, promotes sustainable living and decreases greenhouse gas emissions.

🌱 **Resources:** [104 energy saving tips for your home - Uswitch](#)

## 8 Environmental advocacy and policy engagement

Get involved in advocacy efforts to support environmental policies and legislation by attending meetings, writing letters, or participating in rallies.

🌱 **Impact:** Influences policy decisions, supports changes in laws and amplifies the voice of the youth in conservation efforts.

🌱 **Resources:** <https://350.org/get-involved/>

## 9 Wildlife monitoring and citizen science

Participate in or organise citizen science projects that track local wildlife populations and environmental changes.

🌱 **Impact:** Contributes to scientific research, monitors biodiversity and supports conservation initiatives.

🌱 **Resources:** [SciStarter - Citizen Science Projects](#)

## 10 Educational workshops and school clubs

Create or participate in workshops or school clubs at schools to teach friends about environmental issues, conservation methods and sustainable practices.

🌿 **Impact:** Educates peers, promotes a culture of environmental responsibility and inspires future changemakers.

🌿 **Resources:** [The Ultimate Toolbox For Starting An Eco Club In School](#)

## 11 Advocacy for sustainable products and choices

Promote the use of sustainable and eco-friendly products through campaigns, social media or community events.

🌿 **Impact:** Encourages responsible buying habits and supports businesses that prioritise sustainability.

🌿 **Resources:** [Resources - Schools \(chesterzoo.org\)](#)

## 12 Petitions and fundraising for conservation projects

Start or support petitions and fundraising campaigns to support conservation projects and environmental organisations.

🌿 **Impact:** Raises funds for critical conservation work and mobilizes community support.

🌿 **Resources:** [Fundraising - What you can do \(chesterzoo.org\)](#) , [Change.org - Petitions](#) and [GoFundMe - Fundraising](#)

## 13 Sustainable transportation initiatives

Promote or participate in initiatives that encourage the use of public transportation, biking or carpooling to reduce carbon emissions.

🌿 **Impact:** Reduces traffic congestion, lowers greenhouse gas emissions and supports a sustainable transportation network.

🌿 **Resources:** [Better transport - Campaign for Better Transport](#)

## 14 Other changemaking initiatives

Get involved with other projects focussed on taking social action for the environment, climate action and sustainability.

🌿 **Impact:** There's always more changes to be made for a variety of issues. Putting emphasis on a different topic or finding new approaches to making change might have different effects. So why not get inspired to try different ways of changemaking.

🌿 **Resources:** [Change in a Box – We all change](#)

# UK specific projects

## 1 The Wildlife Trusts - Junior Wildlife Champions

A programme for young people to engage in wildlife conservation activities, from habitat restoration to species monitoring.

- 🌿 **How to get involved:** Sign up through local Wildlife Trusts for hands-on projects and educational workshops.
- 🌿 **Website:** [Wildlife Watch](#) | [Wildlife Watch](#)

## 2 Surfers Against Sewage - Beach Clean Campaigns

Volunteer for beach clean-ups and contribute to reducing marine pollution. They also offer educational resources and events

- 🌿 **How to get involved:** Join organised beach cleans or become a “Beach Clean Champion” to lead your own events.
- 🌿 **Website:** [Beach Clean - Surfers Against Sewage \(sas.org.uk\)](#)

## 3 Friends of the Earth – My World My Home (16-24 year olds)

A network offering resources, campaigns and opportunities for young activists to engage in environmental justice and advocacy.

- 🌿 **How to get involved:** Join the youth network, participate in campaigns and access training resources.
- 🌿 **Website:** [My World My Home](#) | [Friends of the Earth](#)

## 4 Chester Zoo - Youth Volunteering

Participate in various conservation tasks such as content creation, visitor engagements and research opportunities.

- 🌿 **How to get involved:** Volunteer through Chester Zoo’s Duke of Edinburgh programme and join the youth volunteer programme.
- 🌿 **Website:** [Volunteer - What you can do \(chesterzoo.org\)](#)

## 5 RSPB - Wildlife Explorers

Join an RSPB’s local youth group to take part in conservation activities, wildlife monitoring and environmental education.

- 🌿 **How to get involved:** Sign up for local RSPB youth groups or participate in their events and activities.
- 🌿 **Website:** [Find a local youth group near you \(rspb.org.uk\)](#)

## 6 Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE)

A global programme with UK branches where young people create reports and campaigns on environmental issues to raise awareness.

🌿 **How to get involved:** Submit your work or join local YRE chapters to contribute to environmental journalism and advocacy.

🌿 **Website:** [Young Reporters for the Environment](#)

## 7 Eco-Schools - Green Flag Award

Schools can join the Eco-Schools programme to engage in environmental projects and achieve the Green Flag Award for their sustainability efforts.

🌿 **How to get involved:** Join as a school or support local schools in achieving Eco-Schools status through various sustainability projects.

🌿 **Website:** [Eco-Schools - Green Flag Award](#)

## 8 The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) - Green Gym

Participate in outdoor conservation work while improving physical fitness. Activities include habitat management and community gardening.

🌿 **How to get involved:** Join local Green Gym sessions or volunteer with TCV for conservation and community projects.

🌿 **Website:** [Green Gym - Outdoor Exercise That Makes A Difference With TCV](#)

## 9 City Nature Challenge - UK Events

Participate in the City Nature Challenge, a global citizen science event where people record and document local wildlife.

🌿 **How to get involved:** Join local events or create your own citizen science project to contribute to the global challenge.

🌿 **Website:** [City Nature Challenge](#)

From hands-on activities to advocacy and education, these projects offer a range of opportunities and activities you could get involved with to engage in some really meaningful conservation and environmental work.

**You might like to work with or support one of the organisations as part of your Conservation Changemaking Project!**