



**Leicestershire
& Rutland**
Wildlife Trust

Ensuring a Wilder Education For All



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we can create a wilder future

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Nature Connection at the heart of learning

At LRWT we believe that a close connection to the natural world should be at the heart of education and learning, and that every child should have the chance to learn about wildlife and the value of nature.

Evidence shows that children gain many benefits through contact with nature, improving wellbeing, motivation and confidence. Experiences in and around the natural world also lead to better relationships with teachers and classmates.

Yet many children never get to connect with nature. Leicester in particular has a very diverse population, yet those on lower incomes and minority groups face more barriers to accessing nature for many reasons, including cost.

We aim to enable children from all backgrounds across Leicestershire and Rutland to experience the natural world, improving mental and physical wellbeing and safeguarding the environment for the future.



Wildlife Education Sessions



Photo - Penny Dixie

We would like to offer all schools across Leicestershire and Rutland the opportunity for children in KS1/2 to attend a wildlife education session at the **Anglian Water Birdwatching Centre** at Rutland Water, an internationally renowned nature reserve and the gateway to the **Eggleton Nature Reserve**, which makes up the larger part of Rutland Water Nature Reserve.

Within the centre there is an indoor classroom and outdoor education areas, and the programme introduces the wonderful local wildlife found in different habitats through activities like pond dipping, mini beast hunting, sweep netting and bird watching.

Children will develop their identification skills, learn about animal adaptation, life cycles, ecosystems and food chains, developing their confidence as explorers through the fun hands on activities.

Using a range of techniques and equipment, children will explore interdependence and adaptation, being inspired to respect and care for nature and to take action for wildlife in their local area



We are looking for support to help fund these sessions, to enable schools to make the most of this opportunity and to allow them to participate at minimal cost.

Connecting With Nature



Photo - Amy Lewis

We want to ensure that all children throughout Leicestershire and Rutland, no matter where they live, have access to inspiring and engaging wildlife workshops. Research from Natural England shows that those on lower incomes and minority groups have less access to nature.

We are looking to expand our historical programme to reach beyond our established areas to offer workshops to pupils in more urban and diverse areas, ensuring pupils taking part show an improved knowledge of nature and the natural world, and an understanding of environmental issues.



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We see huge benefits in opening these opportunities up to all schools, including those where the cost of the sessions and transport would be prohibitive., and aim to run the workshops at minimal (or no) cost to schools.

We would love you to be a part of this journey.

Making an Impact

Up to 30 children can be involved in each education session run at the Centre

We can run sessions at the Anglian Water Birdwatching Centre during term time from April through to July

We would aim to run 4 classes a week over 10 weeks, enabling us to reach around 1,200 children across Leicestershire and Rutland

After spending time in nature, 90% felt they learned something new about the natural world

After spending time in nature, 79% felt more confident in themselves

There are over 300 primary schools throughout Leicestershire and Rutland. We would love to offer this service to as many as possible

Each workshop would cost around £200 - we are looking to be able to provide these workshops free of charge to schools

After spending time in nature, 84% felt they are capable of new things when they try

Why partner with us?



Collaboration

Throughout all our projects, developing and being open with partner organisations is a key part of evolving, and it has been important to collaborate and work together to develop shared goals that work for us all through our shared values.

Let's unite our skills and influence to make a real and lasting difference

“Outdoor learning is essential as it gives children first hand experience of the world; a chance to become immersed in their environment. That is an opportunity you cannot replicate in the classroom.”

Engagement

Together we can create a real and genuine impact and outreach locally, while engaging your stakeholders and staff by involving them throughout.

Let's generate stories and interest, increasing reach and awareness

“Contact with nature should not be the preserve of the privileged. It is critical to the personal development of our children.”

Building Understanding

Partnerships need to be about more than just a ‘warm glow’, so let's make a real impact instead. We can learn what matters to you, and together we can creatively find new ways of working that make the most of all we both have to offer.

Let's transform the way we work



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