

Appendix 2 - Young People's Volunteering Pathway – Youth Impact Collective

The Youth Impact Collective (YIC) – for volunteers aged 18-30 – has made great strides in the last year (February 2025 to the present day). With the guidance of the Engagement Manager, Engagement Communities Project Officer and external facilitator from Animo Leadership, the group has developed a regular meeting pattern, established its aims, values and core roles within the group, and has engaged with a number of current projects within the Peak District National Park.



The Youth Impact Collective meets at least once a month – a mixture of in-person all-day weekend meetings and evening online meetings. Personal Development plans for the Core members of the group have been established, with five members of the group appointed into core roles. These core roles include: Chair, Co-Chair, and Project Leads for Welcoming Place and Nature.



Throughout this past year, the Youth Impact Collective has established connections within the Peak District National Park Authority and further afield. Three volunteers from the group presented to the Members Board in March 2025. Two volunteers presented at the Future Countryside Conference hosted at Chatsworth in May 2025. In October 2025, a volunteer of the Youth Impact Collective presented to the Local Access Forum. A number of the Youth Impact Collective attended the Campaign for National Parks New Perspectives event at Parliament in December 2025.

Influenced by discussions in the initial meetings back in February 2025, one member of the Youth Impact Collective has successfully applied for, and been appointed as, the Secretary of State Appointed Member of the Board for the Peak District National Park.

Throughout the last year, YIC volunteers have attended the Leadership course established by Animo Leadership. They have consulted on a range of projects within the Peak District

National Park, including assessing the Moors for the Future Wildfire Social Media Campaign and consulting on the North Lees Heritage Lottery Fund bid. In the coming month, YIC will be acting as a focus group for the People of the Peak project. Discussions for future consultations has included joining F.O.G meetings, consulting the Diverse Audiences Plan and developing a social media campaign for Moors for the Future.

Moving forward:

The Youth Impact Collective are aiming to expand its volunteer numbers and roles – roles to fill include: Communications Lead, Events Co-ordinator and Project Leads for Thriving Communities and Climate Change. We are looking to develop the representation of diverse audiences amongst our volunteer numbers from surrounding towns and cities.



The group will enhance connections between the Peak District National Park and other National Parks Youth Voice programs. In May 2026, three members of the Youth Impact Collective will be attending the Protected Landscape Youth Voice conference hosted by the North York Moors National Park Authority as part of this.

We will be continuing to expand the Youth Impact Collective's understanding of the teams and projects within the Peak District National Park Authority, with the aim to develop sound working relationships with PDNPA staff and to inform on projects throughout the Authority.