

EUROPARC
FEDERATION 
Years

Working for Nature

Youth are the future – connect young people to your Protected Area!

**“When you teach your son,
you teach your son's son.”**

Talmud



**Kids need Nature.
It enhances all their development**

**Nature needs Kids
A lack of nature experience can lead to an apathy towards
environmental concerns**



By bringing young people and Rangers together, in the Junior Ranger programme,

we want to enable young people to respect and care for their local protected area,

whilst also learning the valuable role Rangers play in the conservation of nature

Young people in Europe's Protected Areas

EUROPARC's Junior Ranger Programme





Our network connects Junior Ranger programmes for 12-18 year olds in protected areas across Europe.

Such Junior Ranger programmes we have found:

- **Are good for the Park**
- **Are good for the development of the Ranger Service (or park staff)**
- **Facilitate social cohesion**
- **by improving relations between the park and the local community**
- **And can make positive, confident and healthy young people**



EUROPARC Federation Junior Ranger programme involves 80 Protected Areas across 20 different EU countries, working with 5000 youths every year. Around 30 young people can attend the International Camp.





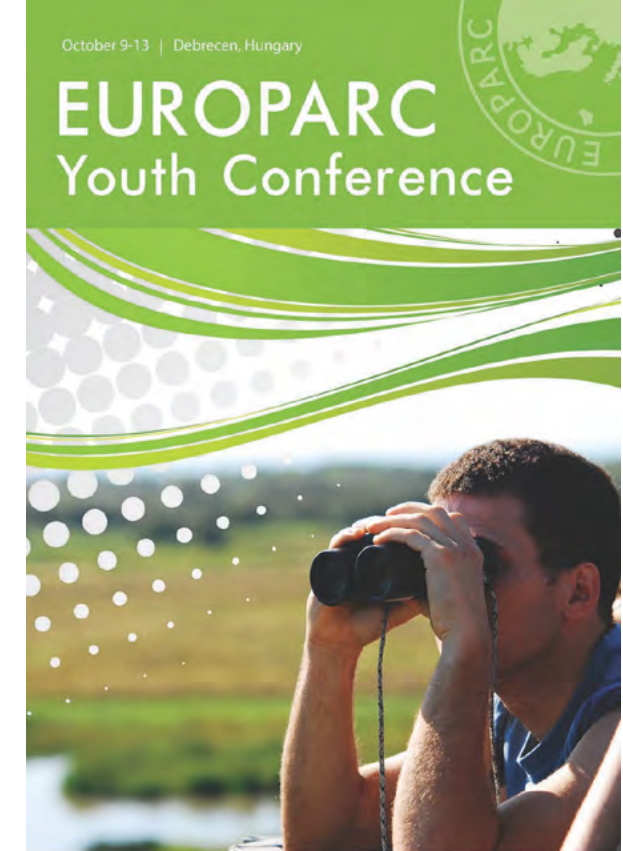
Fun
Inclusive
International
Cooperative
Active Learning

- Experiential, practical, fun , safe and inspirational activities in protected areas, and managed by Rangers, “learning by doing”;
- Is non discriminatory programme, which requires a professional approach and high quality standards
- promote international exchange, to develop positive, cooperative and social skills, and to encourage the active citizenship of youths
- enhance connections between EUROPARC protected areas and “local” young people.
- develop cooperation between Rangers – Parks – EUROPARC



- “We want green / nature (environmental) education to be a part of mainstream schooling throughout all of Europe and we want you to talk to your governments to help make this happen!”
- “We want there to be youth representation on the managing committees / boards of protected areas and for this voice to be taken seriously!”
- “We want you to create effective partnerships between parks, the public sector and private commercial organisations for the mutual benefit of all!”

Youth +



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Giving Young People a Voice
Taking the Lead for Nature



Developing Youth +
programmes, for 18+
Young Ambassadors
for Parks
Advocacy and
leadership training
Lobbying for change

- Keep learning about nature conservation in Europe
- Develop leadership skills and play an active role in supporting the work of the Protected Areas in the Junior Ranger programme
- Develop advocacy skills and contribute youth perspective to governance and management of Protected Areas
- Develop communication skills to speak on behalf of Protected Areas
- Network internationally with peers from Protected Areas across Europe



Youth Representative on EUROPARC Council



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"We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors. We borrow it from our Children."

EUROPARC members across Europe, such here in Harz NP, are committed to make space for children and young people in their Protected Areas to enable them to enjoy and respect the natural environment.





EU Youth Strategy

Overview

[Employment & entrepreneurship](#)

[Social inclusion](#)

[Participation in civil society](#)

[Education & training](#)

[Health & well-being](#)

[Voluntary activities](#)

[Youth & the world](#)

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What is the EU's role?

While respecting Member States' overall responsibility for youth policy, the EU Youth Strategy, agreed by EU Ministers, sets out a framework for **cooperation** covering the years **2010-2018**. It has two main objectives:

- To **provide more and equal opportunities for young people** in education and the job market
- To **encourage young people to actively participate in society**

How is this being done?

The objectives are achieved through a dual approach which includes:

- **Specific youth initiatives**, targeted at young people to encourage non-formal learning, participation, voluntary activities, youth work, mobility and information
- **'Mainstreaming' cross-sector initiatives** that ensure youth issues are taken into account when formulating, implementing and evaluating policies and actions in other fields with a significant impact on young people, such as education, employment or health and well-being

The EU Youth Strategy proposes initiatives in **eight areas**:

- [Employment and entrepreneurship](#)
- [Social inclusion](#)
- [Participation](#)



In the latest EU Barometer...

More than half of young Europeans consider

- **Education and skills as the top priority that the EU should tackle.**
- **Environmental protection and fighting climate change**
- **Employment,**
- **The management of migratory flows and integration of refugees;**

Future Proof

1. Promote critical thinking and the ability to search for information to combat fake news and extremism (49%);
2. Give easy access to information about moving and working abroad (49%);
3. Promote behavioural change through environmentally-friendly initiatives such as sustainable transport or recycling systems across Europe (40%).



In your opinion which of the following topics should be a priority for the EU?

	Finland	Lithuania	Estonia	Latvia	Sweden	Denmark
	%/EU average					
Education and skills	52/53↔	46/53↓	60/53↑	58/53↑	48/53↓	44/53↓
Protection of environment and climate change	49/50↔	37/50↓	44/50↓	34/50↓	61/50↑	63/50↑
Employment	49/42↑	26/42↓	33/42↓	40/42↓	22/42↓	13/42↓
Management of Migratory flows and integration of refugees	35/40↓	32/40↓	33/40↓	27/40↓	61/40↑	63/40↑
Security and defence	35/35↔	31/35↓	46/35↑	41/35↑	28/35↓	22/35↓
Freedom of movement	18/20↓	17/20↓	25/20↑	15/20↓	21/20↔	21/20↔
solidarity	12/19↓	8/19↓	9/19↓	12/19↓	20/19↔	14/19↓
Democratic participation	10/12↓	9/12↓	10/12↓	7/12↓	18/12↑	10/12↓

Young European (100) were asked to give ideas for the future of Europe- from the following ideas which do you agree the most with.

	Finland	Lithuania	Estonia	Latvia	Sweden	Denmark
	%/EU average					
Promote critical thinking and the ability to search for information in order to combat fake news and extremism	54/49↑	38/49↓	4/49↓	51/49↑	62/49↑	58/49↑
Easy access to information for YP who want to move and work abroad in order to encourage youth employment	55/49↑	33/49↓	53/49↑	41/49↓	39/49↓	56/49↑
Promote behaviour change through env friendly projects such as sustainable transport and recycling...	42/40↑	26/40↓	42/40↓	23/40↓	49/40↑	48/40↑
Educate young people through creative and immersive	21/32↓	34/32↑	31/32↔	32/32↔	27/32↓	15/32↓

Finland

Lithuania

Estonia

Latvia

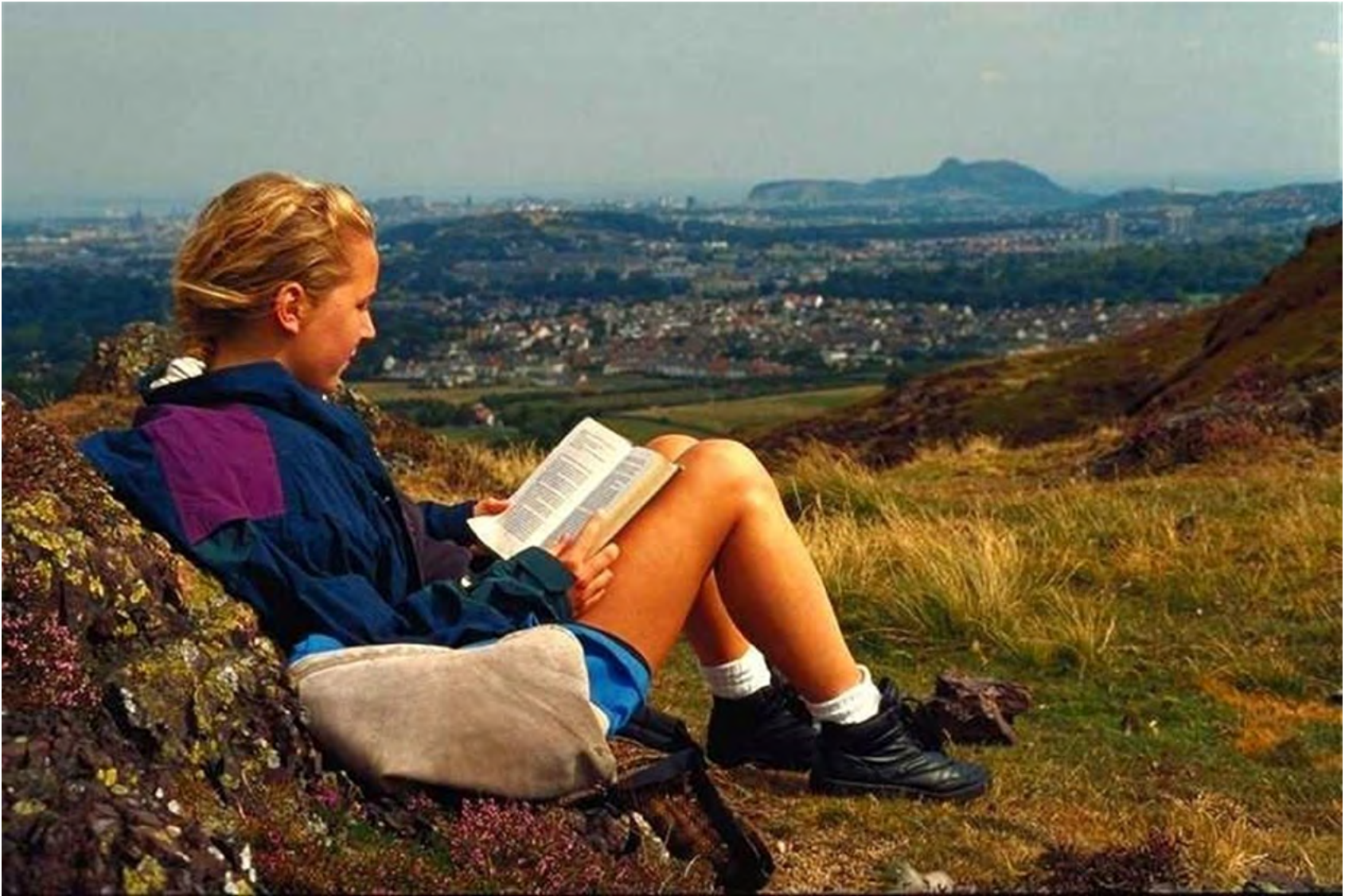
Sweden

Denmark

More opps for YP beyond the current formats of solidarity and erasmus	15/30↓	23/30↓	21/30↓	23/30↓	13/30↓	12/30↓
Make information about the EU available through innovatve media channels in mumtiple languages sucha s film , games	16/23↓	22/23↔	20/23↓	15/23↓	23/23↔	19/23↓
Promote the EU and its values inside and outside the EU through volunteering	7/21↓	21/21↔	16/21↓	19/21↓	14/21↓	18/21↓
Organise roadshows to bring EU to rural areas	17/19↓	21/19↑	26/19↑	25/19↑	17/19↓	15/19↓

Sometime you need to change your perspective





COMMUNICATION

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TALKING

+

LISTENING





EUROPEAN PARKS:

BOOK NOW

WHEN
18th - 21st
September 2018

Welcome to Europarc Conference 2018 in the Cairngorms National Park, Scotland

The biggest gathering of Protected Area professionals in Europe

Ceud Mille Failte!

Reconnecting people with nature is a hot topic and EUROPARC 2018 will focus on how the next generation can inspire us to reach that goal. It is important that we bridge the generation gap and have that discussion alongside the youth of Europe... So we urge you to BRING ALONG A YOUNG PERSON from your park or region. A



SUPPORTING
year of young people
bliadhna na h-òigridh
2018



Make it Yours

Liath Lochans from Farleitter Crag, Kingussie

Home : Caring for the Park's Future : Education & Learning : EUROPARC Youth Manifesto Project

Caring for the Park's Future

Cairngorms Nature

Cairngorms Landscapes

Planning & Building

Local Economy

Land Management

Developing Park Access

Ranger Services

Supporting Communities

Education & Learning

Learning resources

EUROPARC Youth Manifesto Project

Schools media project

Projects for schools

EUROPARC Youth Manifesto Project

Help shape the future of wild places across Europe



Reiska Leader Finland
Cairngorms National Park
Young Scot
EUROPARC

Live

Work

Learn

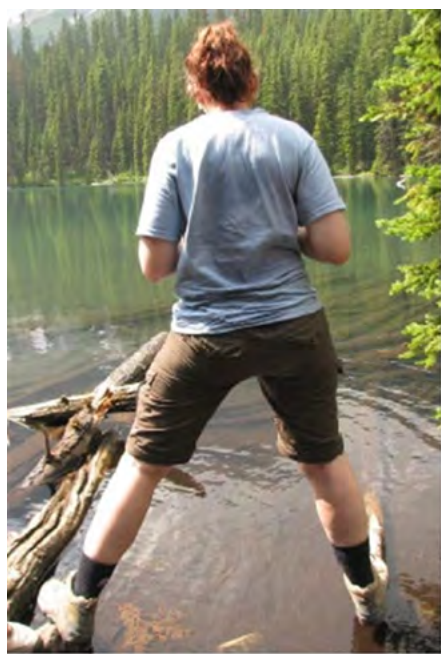
Develop a Youth Manifesto that will outline ways in which protected areas, environmental organisations and rural communities can meaningfully engage young people in their activities to safeguard the future stewardship of our natural heritage and to retain young people living, learning and working in the rural environment and communities.

The manifesto will detail and outline opportunities across a number of areas such as:

- Training, employment and support.
- Transport, facilities and social opportunities.
- Housing.
- **Natural and Cultural Heritage.**
- Learning.
- Building community capacity and Governance of community organisations.
- Coordination and Communications.







"We see youth as an indicator species for parks in Canada"



ENGAGING YOUTH IN CANADA'S PARKS

Where are we now? Where do we need to be? How do we get there?



quantities to incorporate in a program.

Recognition (Shine the Spotlight)	The Connected Generation loves personal recognition. They long to stand out, stand up and be celebrated with their names in lights (or print or pixels).
Adventure (Raise My Pulse)	There's a new premium placed on venturing into the world, collecting exotic adventures and memories, and pushing personal limits. Youth seek highly interactive encounters that teach and challenge and in the process, give them personal insight and explore who they are.
Networks (Make Loose Connections)	The connected generation has embraced technology to build social and professional networks with a brave new structure. This generation is rejecting club-style memberships in favour of loose connections that more accurately reflect their interests, lifestyles and busy days.
Design (Give Me Brand Candy)	The look and feel of objects, places and things is becoming increasingly important. Design is shifting paradigms and spurring people everywhere to rethink established products and industries. Design, along with its strategic twin, innovation, has become a vital tool to stand out and stay strong in an increasingly competitive market.
Editing (Filter the Clutter)	In a world that's inundated with choices, editing is a critical market phenomenon and an important process in our daily lives. We all rely on editors to sift through the raw data and identify the top picks.
Peer-to-Peer (Keep it Underground)	They are suspicious of ordinary "push" campaigns and gravitate toward integrated, contextual offerings from trusted friends and members of their networks.
Collaboration (Build it Together)	The connected generation is becoming intoxicated by its growing ability to spark change. This awareness is spurring mass creativity and launching a power shift away from companies and into the hands of consumers.
Bring it to Life (Brand Theatre)	Brand theatre allows groups of all kinds to create emotional connections with their customers and users. It takes typical experiences a few steps forward by engaging the senses, the imagination and the spirit, and transforms routine experiences into riveting entertainment.
Spirituality (Go Inward)	Increasingly, the meaningful life is defined as the spiritual life, and spirituality has become a dominant public value. The Connected Generation has embraced modern media and blurred the lines between secular and sacred, finding spirituality in all aspects of their lives.
Service (Give Back)	There's a new spirit of volunteerism in the air, led by a young, connected generation that has new ideas about how to give back. Today's volunteers want to give their time and talent instead of simply writing a cheque.

#natureforall



The creation of Protected Areas of Europe and indeed *The EUROPARC Federation* was an expression of **faith in the future**, a pact between generations, a promise from the past to the future.

We are the present, will soon be the past and need to ensure we leave a legacy for the future.....



The best way to predict the future..... is to be involved in creating it!



Kittos!