National conservation education awards 2026

OUTSTANDING Conservation Education Partnership

Do you know an environmental organisation that goes above and beyond to inspire young people, work collaboratively with schools, and champion conservation learning? We want to celebrate conservation organisations who empower teachers, engage communities, and deliver outstanding conservation education. **Tell us their story.**

Award Criteria

In order to be nominated nominated environmental organisation meets the award criteria we would expect nominated organisations to meet most or all of the following criteria:

- **Builds strong, meaningful partnerships with schools,** working collaboratively to deliver highquality conservation education programmes.
- **Motivates and inspires students** to engage with conservation issues and take informed action.
- **Delivers impactful, curriculum relevant learning experiences** such as workshops, community projects, resources, fieldwork opportunities or youth led conservation initiatives.
- **Creates inclusive and accessible learning opportunities** that reach a wide range of schools and learners.
- **Connects students to nature** fostering a sense of belonging and promoting sustainable living.
- **Demonstrates innovation** in how they engage schools — through creative activities, digital tools, interdisciplinary methods, or community embedded approaches.
  Supports teachers through training, high quality resources, or sustained engagement opportunities that build confidence in delivering conservation education.
- **Works with local communities** to develop a culture of conservation that extends beyond the school gates.
- **Shows clear evidence of positive impact,** whether on pupils' knowledge, behaviours, wellbeing, or real world conservation outcomes.

What we want to see?

Please describe how the nominated environmental organisation meets the award criteria. Tell us about the impact they have had on pupils, teachers, communities, and conservation. Supporting evidence is great — we love to see pictures, videos, quotes, and examples of work. There is no right or wrong way to make a nomination; we want to celebrate all the highquality conservation education happening across the country.

Selection process: Nominations will be reviewed by our Chester Zoo Conservation Education and Engagement Team. Representatives for shortlisted nominees will be invited to a celebration evening hosted at Chester Zoo on Wednesday 8th July 2026 where award winners will be revealed.