

Born Free Education

Secondary outreach workshops



Our Community Engagement Team would love to support learning in your secondary school or college, either in person, where possible, or remotely via Zoom or Teams. Please see our range of workshops below. If you would like to make a booking, please get in touch via education@bornfree.org.uk.

Suitable for KS3, KS4 & KS5

Conservation or con?

60min workshop

This workshop aims to highlight the role that of conservation volunteers can play, often unknowingly, in the canned hunting industry in South Africa, and in the exploitation of elephants across Asia. We explore how to spot red flags and discuss which questions you should ask before volunteering to help wildlife. This workshop is particularly suitable for groups considering gap years, those hoping to work with wildlife, or those studying travel and tourism.



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What teachers thought:

"The talk linked perfectly into the Responsible Tourism unit and Special Interest Travel unit. I would fully recommend this informative and thought provoking presentation for all young people, to be aware of the pitfalls of volunteering tourism and how to volunteer responsibly."

Conservation or Con? Workshop
Travel and Tourism Lecturer, Guildford College

Should zoos exist?

60min workshop

This is a new pilot workshop, so we request that any schools booking provide us with teacher feedback after delivery.

Through this workshop, we aim to enable students to critically evaluate their relationship with zoos, and decide whether they still have a place in modern society. We explore the differences between sanctuaries and zoos, discuss the conservation claims made by zoos and explore the ethical and welfare implications of zoos.

The Great Debate - Is wildlife vital in our fight against climate change?

Delivered in a one day, off-timetable format, or across multiple days.

A two-part workshop where students will have the opportunity to delve deeper into the issues surrounding climate change and biodiversity. Working in small groups, students will decide whether humanity needs to harness the power of nature in order to mitigate against, or even adapt to, to climate change and its' impact.

The workshop comprises of two lessons delivered by Born Free. The first lesson enables students to learn about, or refresh their knowledge on climate change, biodiversity and the links between them. This session is then followed by a group research activity. The second lesson then gives students the opportunity to use the knowledge they have gained to present arguments from both sides, debate and question one another, before casting their final vote.



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What teachers thought:

"The Great Debate workshop run by Born Free was fantastic. Pupils were hooked from the start and I was impressed at the depth of argument they were able to formulate in a short time and the interest and enthusiasm they showed. Pupils left with greater understanding of the key issues around climate change and wildlife as well as good careers information about working for wildlife charities and within industries involved with climate change issues."

The Great Debate Workshop
Head of Geography, Thomas Mills High School

Suitable for KS3 & KS4

Threats Facing Wildlife

60min talk

This talk takes a closer look at four key threats facing wildlife, both in the UK and around the globe: habitat loss, human-wildlife conflict, climate change and the illegal wildlife trade. Students will also find out what organisations like Born Free are doing to help halt species decline, and how they too can take action to help wild species.



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What teachers thought:

"The talk was brilliant, the facilitator was really passionate and engaging and delivered the presentation at an appropriate speed and at a suitable level. The learners really enjoyed it and engaged well."

Threats Facing Wildlife Workshop
Animal Management Lecturer,
Peterborough College

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All of our secondary workshops, whether run remotely or in-person, are **free of charge**. However, to ensure as much funding as possible goes to our conservation and wild animal rescue work, we do kindly ask that your school covers travel expenses for **in-person workshops** if your school is based more than 30 miles from a Community Engagement Team member's usual place of work. You can find out more information on our Workshop Booking Form, or get in touch via education@bornfree.org.uk to see if a team member is based close to your school.

