

# Born Free Education

## What We Offer



Our team would love to support learning in your secondary school, either in person 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](mailto:education@bornfree.org.uk).

## Outreach Workshops for Secondary Schools

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

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, 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.

Please note, this workshop is delivered in a one day, off-timetable format, or across multiple days.

**Suitable for KS3, KS4 & KS5**

### Threats Facing Wildlife

This 60-minute talk takes a closer look at four key threats facing wildlife 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.

**Suitable for KS3 & KS4**

### Conservation Or Con?

This 60-minute lesson highlights the ethical issues students should be aware of when choosing to volunteer with wildlife. The session focusses on the links between volunteers and the canned hunting industry in South Africa and the welfare implications of visiting elephant camps in Asia. It is especially suitable for groups considering gap years, volunteer programmes or those studying travel and tourism.

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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."*

**Great Debate Workshop - Thomas Mills High School**

*"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? - Guildford College**



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## Teaching Aids & Resources

As well as workshops, Born Free creates bespoke teaching resources and wildlife-themed activity packs, which can be downloaded, free of charge. With detailed lesson plans and in-depth teaching notes, our resources are ready for teachers to pick up and go.

### Educational Resources

We have a range of free teaching resources and lesson plans suitable for primary and secondary students. Each engaging resource pack is curriculum-linked and includes full lesson plans, PowerPoint presentations, and activities. There are plenty of opportunities to adapt the activities to suit your class and their learning. You can download our resources for free from our [tes.com](https://www.tes.com) shop.

### Born Free's Great Debate

If a workshop isn't feasible, you can still engage your students in meaningful debate about key wildlife or environmental topics, including cattle farming and plastic pollution. Students will not only gain knowledge about the debate topic, but also skills that will help them to research, frame and deliver an argument while reducing their impact on biodiversity and the environment. Find out more about [Born Free's Great Debate](#).

### Environmental Clubs

We are keen to support schools to promote environmental stewardship outside of lessons. Our range of Environmental Club Packs provide guidance on starting your school's very own club, as well as great ideas for activities and campaigns that can be led by the pupils themselves. Our KS3/4 pack can be downloaded for free from our [tes.com](https://www.tes.com) shop and our team is happy to support and guide schools and pupils as needed, so please get in touch.



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## More About Born Free



### Our Mission & Purpose

Born Free was founded by Virginia McKenna OBE and Bill Travers MBE, who starred in the movie classic, Born Free (1966), with support from their eldest son, Will Travers OBE. Born Free's mission is to ensure that all wild animals, whether living in captivity or in the wild, are treated with compassion and respect and are able to live their lives according to their needs. Born Free opposes the exploitation of wild animals in captivity and campaigns to keep wildlife in the wild.

Born Free promotes Compassionate Conservation which strives to enhance the survival of threatened species in the wild and protect natural habitats while respecting the needs of and safeguarding the welfare of individual animals. Born Free seeks to have a positive impact on animals in the wild and to protect their ecosystems in perpetuity, for their own intrinsic value and for the critical roles they play within the natural world. For more information about Born Free please visit: [www.bornfree.org.uk](http://www.bornfree.org.uk).



### Our UK Education Programme

Born Free's Education Team is committed to inspiring and empowering young people from all walks of life to change attitudes towards wildlife, both in terms of their welfare and conservation, and drive positive behaviour change.

This programme aims to:

- Foster a love and respect for the natural world
- Increase awareness of the threats and challenges facing wildlife, both locally and globally
- Nurture a generation that is intrinsically wildlife conservation-oriented
- Promote environmental stewardship and the philosophy of sustainability
- Ensure communities understand that individual animals have fundamental value and that preventing their suffering enhances their lives and ours.

We have created engaging, fun and memorable in-school sessions and learning materials, designed for a range of abilities and Key Stages. Our work has close links to the English, science, geography, SMSC and citizenship curriculums, with the addition of elements of maths and art, as well as resources tailored towards students with Special Educational Needs. Our resources aim to develop a range of skills, including; decision making, debating, speech writing, presenting, persuasive writing, questioning, reporting and data analysis.



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**"What we learn with pleasure we never forget." Alfred Mercier**