**Young Nature 2021: Connecting Children and Teenagers with Local Nature (21-24 June 2021)**

**Proposals Invited**

We invite you to present a lightning talk or poster or run either a round-table discussion or workshop at this exciting interdisciplinary online event co-organised by Royal Holloway University of London, University of Brighton and the British Ecological Society’s Teaching and Learning Special Interest Group.

**Deadline for proposals is Friday 2nd April.** Applicants will receive a decision via email within 3 weeks of the proposal deadline.

**Proposal are invited for the following:**

**Lightning talk:** 5 minutes long (approx. 5 slides). Q&A at the end of each session (rather than after each talk).

**Poster:** These will be hosted within Padlet and available to view at any time during the event, alongside dedicated viewing time during coffee breaks. Each poster will have a Q&A text chat facility. You will have the option to include a 2-minute recording with your poster to introduce its content.

**Round-table:** Round-table discussions bring together people with diverse interests and expertise to develop tangible and actionable outputs - such as a list of recommendations, a publication idea, a policy briefing - on a specific issue relating to the event’s theme. Round-tables are meant for discussion, collaboration, mind-mapping etc. They are not meant to consist of a series of presentations. They can vary in length from 60-90 minutes and typically have between 10-30 participants.

**Workshop:** Workshops provide organisers the opportunity to share an approach, scientific finding, or technology that provides practical solutions for connecting young people with nature and/or evaluating its impact. Workshops often have an educational / technical component. They can vary in length from 60-90 minutes.

**Criteria for acceptance of proposals:**

Each proposal will be reviewed against the following criteria:

* Contribution to the overarching focus of the event (i.e. connecting children and/or teenagers with local nature), and aligned with at least one of its four themes:
  + Education outcomes
  + Health and wellbeing outcomes
  + Biodiversity and conservation outcomes
  + Working together
* Clarity of the proposal, and accessible language.

**Detailed formatting guidelines will be provided once submissions have been selected.**

**Proposals for Round-tables and Workshops require the following:**

* Requested duration of round-table/workshop (up to 90 minutes)
* Round-table/Workshop title
* Round-table/Workshop abstract (250 words or less)
* Round-table/Workshop justification (150 words or less). *Explains why your round-table/workshop matters for connecting young people with local nature and how your topic relates to one or more of the event’s broad themes - education, health and wellbeing, biodiversity conservation, and working together.*
* Outline and detailed description of round-table/workshop (500 words or less)
* Ideal number of attendees for your round-table/workshop
* Maximum / minimum number of attendees for your round-table/workshop
* Special requests / software needs

**Round-table and Workshop Proposal Submission Form:** <https://brighton.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/young-nature-2021-roundtables-workshops-proposals>

**Lightning talk and Poster Proposal Submission Form:** <https://brighton.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/young-nature-2021-lightningtalk-posters-proposals>

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