

Join the team!

**Become a member
of our Youth Panel**

British
Dragonfly
Society



What is the

BDS Youth Panel

We are the voice for dragonflies in Britain and we work to conserve them and their wetland habitats. Our key aims are to improve understanding and awareness of dragonflies, their conservation and the challenges they face, in order to increase action for dragonflies across Britain.

Our Youth Panel aims to make sure that young people are represented in our work and help us to shape the work that we do. The Youth Panel will be responsible for creating a Youth Engagement Strategy, to define how we engage with fellow young people. Panel members will also have the opportunity to get involved in other aspects of the charity.

The panel will be made up of like minded young people coming together online.

First online meeting: Saturday 22nd June

Dates for the following meetings are to be confirmed but would fall in the following weeks:

- w/c 22nd July
- w/c 19th August
- w/c 16th September
- w/c 14th October



Who are we looking for?

We are looking for young people who are passionate about insects (especially dragonflies!) and wetlands, who want to join a small charity and have a big impact for dragonfly conservation! You should apply if you:

- > Are **between 16 and 24**
- > Are **passionate about nature** (don't worry you don't need to know everything about dragonflies!)
- > Enjoy being a **part of a team**
- > Can **commit to attending online meetings**
- > Want to **inspire other young people** to connect with dragonflies

What do we offer you?

Being a part of the Youth Panel is a voluntary role, however we will provide:

- > **Free BDS membership** and a welcome pack of goodies
- > Opportunities for **mentoring and career advice**
- > An **insight into a national conservation charity**
- > A platform to have your voice heard and **represent us at events**
- > Opportunities to get involved in other aspects of our work: social media, creating resources, practical conservation and much more
- > **References** for you on your job and university applications
- > **Expenses** if attending an in-person event



How can you apply?

Applications are now open! Use our [online application form](#) to apply. You will be asked; what you would like to gain from being a part of the panel, your favourite thing about nature, and how you would help us inspire other young people.

Deadline for applications is midnight Sunday 5th May.

If you have any questions about the Youth Panel and how to apply please email Lauren Kennedy, Engagement Officer:
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We will let you know within two weeks of the deadline whether you are invited to a short and informal online interview. Interviews will take place week commencing 27th May.