

VOLUNTEERING IN SCOTLAND FOR 17-24 YEAR OLDS

WHAT IS RE:GREEN?

Re:Green is a conservation and youth leadership programme delivered by Raleigh International, in partnership with leading environmental conservation organisations in the Alliance for Scotland's Rainforest, alongside others. You can volunteer on a 2 or 4 week programme based in remote locations of the Scottish Highlands. You will take an active role in environmental conservation, challenge yourself in new ways and develop your campaigning and social action skills. You will then be able to mobilise others in your local and global communities to take action for the environment and work towards a greener and fairer society.

Equip and Mobilise (2 week placement):

- **Days 1-2** Your training and induction, get to know your team, the environment and prepare for your project.
- **Days 2-13** Join a conservation project site whilst learning about environmental issues and developing skills in climate and social justice activism.
- Day 14 Return home.

Ignite, Equip and Mobilise (4 week placement):

Days 1-2 Days 2-13	Your training and induction. Challenge yourself on the adventure leadership
	trek project, hiking across the highlands and building skills in leadership, teamwork and resilience.
Days 14-25	Join a conservation project site, as on a 2 week programme.
Day 26	Return home.

WHO IS RALEIGH INTERNATIONAL?

We are a youth-driven organisation supporting a global movement of young people to take action. We want a fair, inclusive, and green world where young people confront the planet's most urgent crises, and ignite youth-led action that creates solutions to the world's most urgent problems.

There are 3 billion people in the world under 25, who we want to support by connecting them with the skills, networks, platforms and experiences to lead action on the change they want to see in the world.

Our work contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals identified by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015, and the shared blueprint they provide to achieve global peace and prosperity by 2030.

Join our movement of young people across the globe taking action on climate change.



CHANGE STARTS WITH YOU

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

We are an Approved Activity Provider of this award. This means that you can contribute towards the Residential section of your Gold DofE Award by volunteering on Re:Green.

John Muir Explorer Award

By joining Re: Green, you are eligible for the John Muir Trust's 'Explorer Award', which will boost your employability and is a great recognition of your achievement.

Re:Green challenges young people to step out of their comfort zone, develop your personal skills and build resilience and independence.

During your conservation training, you will be introduced to the skills and knowledge to become an effective climate activist and drive green recovery.

On the adventure leadership trek you will learn how to set up camp, cook over gas stoves, map read and build practical skills to ensure everyone in your team completes the hike path together.

Previous volunteers report that Re:Green gave them:

- Greater confidence and resilience
- Inspiration to take care of the environment and greater awareness of the challenges it faces
- Support in discovering own abilities
- Increased employability
- Opportunity to gain skills outside your comfort zone
- New passion for ongoing conservation work and active citizenship

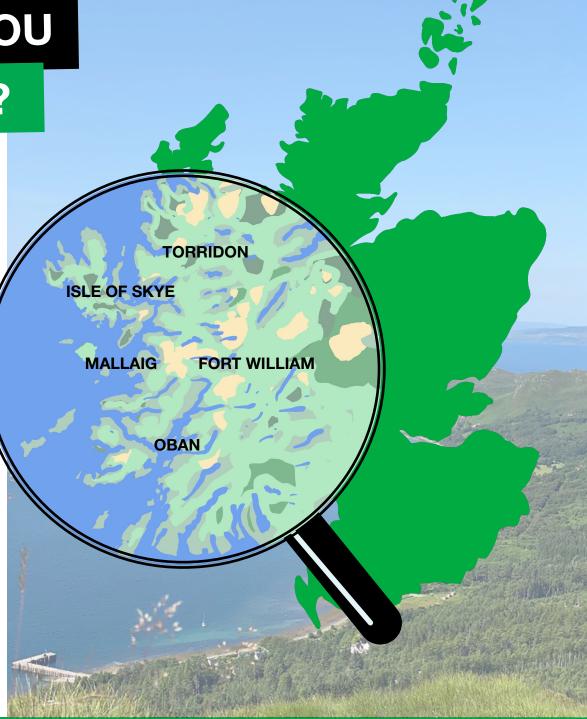
WHERE WILL YOU

BE VOLUNTEERING?

We are currently delivering our projects across a range of locations in the Western Highlands of Scotland, taking environmental action for Scotland's natural rainforest.

All volunteers will meet in Glasgow before joining their respective groups and being escorted to their project sites by Raleigh International.

(Cost of travel to the designated meeting point in Glasgow is covered only for volunteers enrolled on the Access Fund.)



THE CONSERVATION



Ignite your passion for the environment on our projects helping to conserve and restore the Scottish rainforest and other ancient woodland.

Work alongside our project partners who will not only teach you skills for the tasks at hand, but open your eyes to the range of activities and biodiversity to be found in the rainforest.

Your efforts might range from helping to support:

- Removal of invasive plant species (such as the sitka spruce and rhododendron ponticum)
- Habitat and wildlife monitoring
- Preparing land for tree and seedbed planting
- Construction, restoration and maintenance of trails and deer fencing*

*The work undertaken on our project sites is determined by our project partners and so may vary from site to site and the time of year.

THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROJECT

Take on some of the UK's most challenging but beautiful terrains on an 11-day remote trek, wild-camping in the Scottish Highlands.

Venture off the beaten path with your team of fellow volunteers and learn essential skills in leadership, teamwork, planning, problem-solving and resilience. You will:

- Trek from Fort William to Morvick, travelling between 175 and 200km in total, with distances varying day by day depending on your terrain.
- Experience stunning environments often referred to as the UK's last great wilderness
- Take responsibility as a day leader to plan the day's progress and orientate the group
- Camp in beautiful spots and snack up with vegetarian & vegan meals

TRAINING IN

CLIMATE CAMPAIGNING

Ignite your passion for the environment on our projects helping to conserve and restore the Scottish rainforest and other ancient woodland.

Equip yourself with the skills to become a climate activist, whilst learning about sustainability and environmental action in the UK. You will gain knowledge to conserve our natural world which you can take with you beyond Re:Green to create impact where it's needed.

This consists of a series of workshops spread across the conservation project, where you will learn skills and knowledge in:

- Environmental Conservation
- Climate Justice
- Behaviour Change
- Campaigns and Advocacy

These sessions are interactive and designed to be accessible to everyone no matter your prior knowledge of the topics explored.

AFTER YOUR PROGRAMME... IT'S TIME FOR ACTION NOT EXCUSES

'Action Not Excuses' is a campaigning platform where young people across the world can join forces to take action for a fair, inclusive and green world and confront the planet's most urgent crises. You may wish to join the platform once you have completed Re: Green.

We are supporting 100,000 young people to create new green jobs, lead the fight against waste and pollution and plant 10 million trees. To tackle the climate emergency and build back better we need Action Not Excuses.





LIFE ON THE

RE:GREEN PROJECTS

- You'll be cooking your meals and all the food is vegetarian or vegan.
- Collaborate with your peers on different tasks throughout the programme to make the most of your time volunteering together





- Enjoy sleeping under the stars in your tent or in lodges
- You'll also get the chance for downtime where you can relax and hang out with your fellow campmates.
- Take in your unique surroundings and breathtaking views, spanning the rainforest, mountains, coasts and valleys.

FUNDRAISING

As a charity, we encourage you to fundraise a minimum amount towards the overall cost of your Re: Green programme. You're raising a sum that will cover the cost of your food, accommodation, transport during the programme, and the project and safety equipment.

Starting to fundraise will prepare you for your Re: Green as you begin to develop your communication skills, creativity and raise awareness of Raleigh's work.

Fundraising can come in all kinds of forms. You could hold a cake sale, organise a quiz night or a sponsored challenge. If you haven't got any experience of fundraising, don't worry! You will receive lots of support from us, including a fundraising pack full of tips to get you started.

Programme length	Fundraising Target
2 weeks	£695
4 weeks	£1385

You can see a more detailed report of where your money goes here.





THE RE:GREEN ACCESS FUND FIND OUT IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE

Raleigh International is committed to ensuring our programmes are accessible to all young people from a range of backgrounds.

We welcome applications from all young people who might otherwise find it difficult to raise the full fundraising target for Re:Green.

Application process:



You will need to read through the Re:Green terms and conditions and agree to the code of conduct. You will need to fill out an application form where you will have to answer 4 questions and fill in your contact details.

If successful, a non-refundable £50 deposit will be processed.

Apply quickly as these places are allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

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HEAR FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS...

ROSS'S STORY



Before joining Re:Green, Ross had already had a taste of adventure when he took part in a Raleigh Expedition to Costa Rica in 2015. It is with that thought in mind that he applied for Re:Green.

Ross was severely impacted by the COVID pandemic, making fundraising for him extremely difficult. "I don't come from a particularly wealthy family. I live alone, I'm on disability benefit, so I can't work for now. Being able to apply for financial support was a big motivator to do Re:Green so I could do something valuable safely and properly."

"The Re:Green Access Fund was a big part of my decision to apply for Re:Green because of my financial background."



FREDDY'S STORY



After experiencing homelessness at the beginning of 2021, Freddy was able to join Re:Green through the Access Fund.

"The access Fund is a chance for young people such as myself to travel to places we wouldn't even dream of going and interact with truly awesome people.

The programme was life changing for me. I experienced something so amazing and profound on that trip and I am very fortunate for that. Obviously due to my situation at the time, it would have been impossible to fundraise."

> Inspired after returning from Re:Green, Freddy joined Raleigh International as an intern, helping to support young people from a similar background as him to join Re:Green.

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