

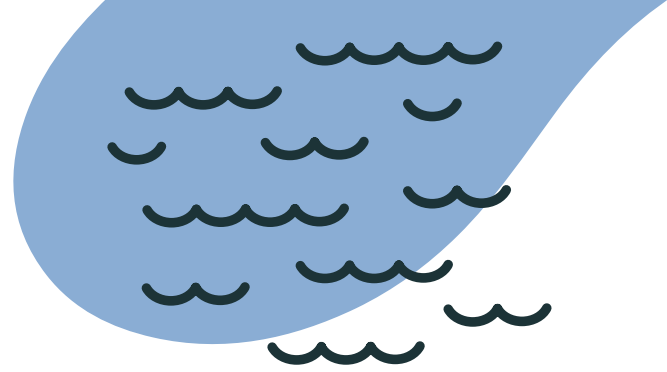


**Morecambe  
Bay**  
Partnership



# Wild Blue Yonder

Youth Action for Morecambe Bay



# Morecambe Bay is an exceptional place to live and an outstanding place to visit.

Morecambe Bay has the largest continuous area of intertidal mud and sandflats in the UK, representing an area of approximately 31,000 hectares of diverse biological communities which provides a rich food source for internationally important numbers of waterbirds. Many of the species found here are vulnerable to changes in their habitat and are in danger of extinction. A highly dynamic coastal and estuarine system, Morecambe Bay is a place like no other in the UK.

## About

**The ‘Wild Blue Yonder: Youth Action for Morecambe Bay’ scheme is a schools programme for KS2 students across Lancaster and Morecambe.**

Funded by the Areti Charitable Trust, this programme has been developed to connect young people aged 7-11 from across the Bay with their natural environment.

Focussed on ‘blue spaces’ (the sea, rivers, lakes, canals, reservoirs, estuaries) young people taking part will:

- Foster a sense of curiosity in nature and the unique landscape of Morecambe Bay.
- Find joy in being outdoors, removing some of the barriers to nature-based activities.
- Reap the health and wellbeing benefits of being outdoors.
- Develop their sense of belonging and pride of place.
- Contribute to the Bay’s care and conservation.
- Learn how to encourage others to live more sustainably.
- Create meaningful, life-long connections with nature.
- Become a Morecambe Bay Partnership Climate Champion.

## How it looks

**There are three key areas to the programme, each leading on from the next to create a holistic view of Morecambe Bay and youth action.**

### **Locate & Learn** (2hrs - 1/2 day)

An opportunity for young people to locate their local blue spaces and learn more about them in preparation for getting outdoors.

- Research local wild blue spaces.
- Discover how different blue spaces form.
- Learn about habitats and the wildlife present in those spaces.
- Build field trip skills (observation, identification, teamwork, problem-solving, journalling, conservation and creativity).
- Gather the appropriate resources.

### **Connect & Reflect** (1 day)

Utilise skills and resources to connect with a local blue space and reflect on experiences.

- Physically connect with a blue space using all senses.
- Take time to appreciate the natural world and their place in it.
- Use tools to consider what it means

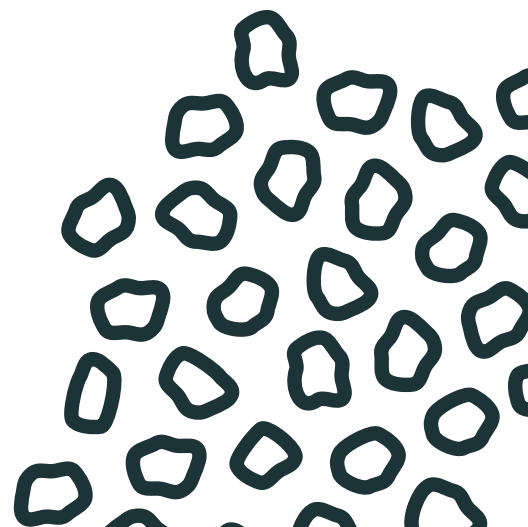
(sketching, photography, nature mandala's, water testing, species ID).

- Reflect on the issues affecting the blue space (pollution, plastic, reduction in biodiversity/at risk species).
- Showcase how diverse the UK's wildlife should be.

### **Affect & Pledge** (2hrs - 1/2 day)

Identify issues and act on climate change by doing something positive in the community.

- Leave a positive impact by doing something good at school, home or in the community.
- Learn more about conservation.
- Tell other people about how they can be more sustainable in their everyday lives (campaigning, awareness, changing behaviours and attitudes).
- Celebrate achievements and pledge to become a Morecambe Bay Partnership Climate Champion.



## The offer

Throughout the programme, schools will benefit from:

- Delivery staff from Morecambe Bay Partnership (DBS checked).
- Relevant resources/equipment.
- A fully funded field trip to Arnside and Silverdale National Landscape.
- Teacher learning and confidence building.
- Access to further engagement through the [Blue Influencer Scheme](#).

## Requirements

In order to deliver the programme to it's full potential, we will need schools to provide the following:

- Access to 30 students (more students can be engaged on request).
- A suitable room with chairs and tables.
- Adequate staff support during core delivery, the field trip and for general correspondence.
- Lead on booking transport to Nature Reserve.
- Provide access support for young people as and where required.
- A willingness to get involved in discussions and activities.

## Next steps

Morecambe Bay Partnership exists to help everyone appreciate, access & nurture the nature, landscapes & communities of this special place.

If you are interested in getting involved you can contact our Youth Engagement Officer via the following details.

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