



# Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

## Tomorrow's Natural Leaders in Action

- Anthony, is based at Appleton Mill Farm in Appleton-le-moors, North Yorkshire



**“Six months in to the TNL programme, and how the time has flown by!**

“I am proud to have been involved with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust’s conservation grazing project where cattle and sheep are being used to successfully manage several of the Trust’s nature reserves to help maintain them and their huge variety of plants and wildlife.

“It is a huge project, which demands the dedication and hard work of many people, both staff and volunteers. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working on the farm.

“I’ve gained a tremendous amount from the TNL programme. The staff at Yorkshire Wildlife Trust have been incredibly generous in devoting their time to teaching and educating the TNL trainees.

“I’ve taken part in training courses on a variety of topics including GIS and habitat surveying, as well as practical training in chainsaw use, fencing and dry stone walling. I feel everything I have learnt will be extremely valuable when it comes to finding a job in the environmental sector.

“I am about to begin my own self-led project working with Ryedale School to create a wildlife-friendly area of land within the school grounds. I will be using many of the skills I have gained from the first six months to achieve this and I can’t wait to get this up and running!

“The TNL programme has been a treasure chest of opportunity. I now believe I possess a great range of skills to support and bolster my chances of finding work in this sector. I am hoping that I will be able to find work which involves youth engagement in wildlife and nature.”

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### Tomorrow's Natural Leaders – What's it all about?

Aimed at 16 to 24 year olds, Tomorrow's Natural Leaders (TNL) is designed to inspire young people to value and take action for nature. The scheme is one of 31 projects run nationwide as part of 'Our Bright Future', a £33 million pound initiative funded by the [Big Lottery Fund](#) that supports young people across the UK to lead progressive change in their communities and local environment.

With the support and guidance of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust TNLs undertake a wide range of practical conservation activities such as reserves management, habitat restoration, biodiversity monitoring, campaigning, species surveys and livestock management; they also play an active role in the Trust's extensive public outreach and education activities. Ultimately they get the chance to apply their knowledge and experience to develop and run their own environmental project in and around an area local to them.

Participants receive a monthly bursary and training budget. The vocational experience they gain can be further supported by formal qualifications.

For more information and to apply visit [www.ywt.org.uk/Tomorrows-Natural-Leaders](http://www.ywt.org.uk/Tomorrows-Natural-Leaders)

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