

Dynamic Dunescapes Wales – Funding for young people

Supporting you to take local action – to promote, protect and study Wales' wildlife

Do you want to gain practical conservation experience?

Do you want an opportunity to complete fieldwork on a real world conservation project? Or create a film or artistic piece?

Not sure what to do for your dissertation?

We have easy to apply for funding (bursaries) of £150 -£500 to award to A-level, undergraduate and masters students

Available to 18-30yr olds in two rounds – call for a chat & apply today through the links below

Round 1 funding: Deadline March 31st

For you to plan and undertake work between April '21 – December 21 –

Round 2 funding: Deadline May 31st

For you to plan & undertake work summer 2021 – summer 2022

What is this funding for?

The bursary is to support the study, promotion and participation of our ground-breaking conservation work on Wales' sand dune systems. Sand dunes are one of Europe's most at risk habitats for biodiversity loss. Our work hopes to change this and to rejuvenate sand dune habitats, ensuring dunes remain a refuge for a huge variety of wildlife. Your work will help us evaluate this vital conservation work, promote our work, or allow you to undertake some training to help your career.

The bursary can be used for training, transport, equipment & resources.

We have just completed a number of large-scale works on dune sites in south Wales, the Llyn Peninsula and on Anglesey.

Below you will find some potential titles of study.

This opportunity will give you:

- Supported field work experience with our Project Officer as well as Site Managers.
- An opportunity to complete a short or long piece of investigative work into the impacts of the work we are undertaking.
- Your focus could be on species abundance and recovery, dune morphology or sustainable management.
- An opportunity to creatively promote conservation work look at wellbeing impacts and use of these incredible spaces.
- Allow you to undertake a training course to support your journey to working in conservation.
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- Citizen science training, plant/insect/fungi ID available throughout the year as well as support in setting up your project.

How to apply:

Give David (details below) a call to have a quick chat and focus your ideas.

Complete the simple application form. No experience is required

David will give you feedback to help you be successful.

Want to find out more?

Attend one of our online introductory sessions to find out more. (March 8th & 22nd)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/conservationists-of-the-future-bursaries-for-studying-on-wales-sand-dunes-tickets-143045421707>

I look forward to hearing from you

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What could you be studying?

We welcome your own thoughts on areas of study, ideas around promoting our conservation work and how you might like to use this funding.

South Wales dune sites:

Oxwich National Nature Reserve, Gower: Dune rejuvenation

Short term project: Choose a species

Study notch creation and transformation.

Long term project: How effective is sand dune mobilisation for restoring dynamism to a dune system?

Intervention: Notch creation and dune slack clearance Dec 2020 – continuing scrub removal from dune slacks



Penmaen/Three cliffs Bay:

Visitor surveys, returning wildlife.

What are the impacts of management techniques to restore dune heath at Penmaen? (Intervention – Scrub/bracken removal)



Pembrey SSSI, Camarthen:

What are the impacts of removing invasive species for dune diversity?

Intervention: Large areas of sea buckthorn removal in Feb 2021 that will continue in to 2022)



Crymlyn Burrows SSSI, Swansea:

Can simple interventions see the reestablishment of one of the UK's rarest Orchids?

Intervention: Dune slack restoration, invasive removals, translocating/seed collection of the rare Fen orchid



Baglan Burrows, Port Talbot

How does scrub clearance change diversity on former dune slack sites?

There are a range of ecological recording gaps at Baglan Burrows – from the rare Sand Stock to the mammalian wildlife here or the pioneer foreshore species.



North Wales – Gwynedd & Anglesey

Llyn Peninsula:

Morfa Bychan – This fantastic site has a diverse range of management practises being undertaken – from grazing to the creation of bare sand scrapes. There are some previous Undergraduate studies at this site that could be continued.



Anglesey:

Work is being undertaken across a number of sites, one of the beneficiaries should be the Marsh Fritillary butterfly through the dune scraping and clearance work. Working is being undertaken at a number of sites – enquire for more information.

<https://dynamicdunesapes.co.uk/the-project/where-were-working/>