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Careers with Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Introduction to the toolkit for teachers and young people



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Yorkshire Dales National Park Our vision

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Through their passion for this special place, local people and businesses will keep the Yorkshire Dales National Park a thriving area. Its unique cultural landscape will be treasured for its stunning scenery, exceptional heritage and wonderful wildlife, and every year millions of people will be inspired to be part of it.

Working for the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

The Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP) is one of 15 National Parks in the UK. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) looks after its landscape, wildlife and cultural heritage. It also promotes understanding and enjoyment of the area nationally.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority employs 151 people in the equivalent of 121 full-time roles. There's a wide variety of

jobs with staff looking after conservation, archaeology and ecology. There are also the jobs required to run any organisation of this size such as Human Resources, IT systems, Financial Management. The YDNPA is also a planning authority and employs around 20 people who respond to planning applications, development management and policy. When people think of jobs in National Parks they often think of rangers and of course the national park authority employs teams of rangers to help look after the paths and help visitors enjoy the area responsibly.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and young people

YDNPA is committed to supporting young people who wish to live and work in the National Park. The youngest employees tend to be from the local area.

Young people add vibrancy and bring new ideas to the organisation. YDNPA has a youth forum where young employees can share their ideas. The authority also encourages young employees to develop skills and





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supports them by funding training and pointing them to opportunities in YDNPA, in other national parks or abroad.

The authority is aware of challenges for people living and working in rural communities so offers flexible working hours, which means most staff have flexibility around when they start work and when they leave, as long as they complete their core hours.

A toolkit for teachers and young people

Working with The Edge Foundation, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has created a toolkit for teachers to use to help young people explore their career options including options within the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

Based around the PSHE curriculum for key stage 3 and 4, the toolkit consists of;

- PowerPoint presentation, 'Future Career' lesson ideas and project based learning.
- Comprehensive teachers' notes and scheme of work.
- Career cards and individual stories.

The toolkit takes a step-by-step approach starting with young people, their career aspirations, their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats and then a gap analysis helping them to pinpoint the skills and attributes they will need for their chosen career.

The toolkit then goes on to explore the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority in some detail and the types of careers that are available.

Finally, young people are tasked with finding out more about an area of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's work that interests them.

To find out more about the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, visit the website: <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/park-authority/how-we-work/>

To download the resources, visit: <https://createyourfuture.me.uk/toolkits>