

YOUTH SURVEY 2022

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self-selecting, young people (11-30 years old) across Scotland responded, with a fairly representative spread of age, gender identity, geography, race, and (dis)ability.

19%

Just under half of young people felt that they were able to contribute to Scotland's nature rich ambition (48%), with only 19% feeling very able to contribute.

VERY UNABLE

1%

10%

41%

29%

VERY ABLE

19%

FUTURE FOCUS

Top priorities for the future were

nature-based solutions like:

- Actions that work with nature to restore ecosystems, rewetting peatlands and green roofs in cities.
- Increasing the number, and health, of highly protected marine areas.
- Increasing funding available for nature restoration projects.

DOING MORE

Respondents identified the types of barriers to achieving this future and how NatureScot can help to remove them.

Barriers

What can be done



Barriers to skills and jobs



Public education



Individual effort is not enough



Jobs and career information



Finance



Opportunities for young people to have a voice



Unaware how to help

2030

The top 5 themes from respondents when asked "What should Scotland's nature look like in 2030?" were ...

- Rewilding
- Increased diversity in biodiversity
- General increase in nature
- Cultural shift
- Recovering and restoring nature

58%

The majority of respondents felt that there were barriers to their involvement (58%).

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Topics of 'intergenerational collaboration' and 'youth leadership' highlight the need for age-specific inclusion.

GAPS

- Monitoring and enforcement
- Transparency and partnership working
- Public education and behaviour change
- Accessibility
- Nature connection