

Born Free Education

What We Offer



School Outreach Workshops

Our team would love to support learning in your primary or secondary school, either in person or remotely via Zoom or Teams. Please see our range of workshops and assemblies below. If you would like to make a booking, please get in touch via education@bornfree.org.uk

An Elephant Called 'Slowly' - Should Animals Have The Same Rights As Humans?

This 90 minute workshop explores the real story of Pole Pole the elephant (Swahili for 'Slowly'), and discusses whether she should be sent to live at the zoo, or remain with/return to her family in the wild. Children work in groups as different stakeholders (a UK zoo, an African government and Pole Pole), sharing their thoughts and opinions, before voting as a class as to whether to send Pole Pole to the zoo. Pupils will then be told the real story of Pole Pole. It's a great way to start discussions around the ethics of holding wild animals in captivity.

Suitable for KS2, can be adjusted for KS3

Precious Primates

This 60-75 minute workshop enables pupils to discover more about tropical rainforests, their geographic distribution, make-up and importance, as well as introducing them to some of the amazing primates found there. Pupils will learn about and hear stories from some of the primates that Born Free works to protect, before writing short speeches highlighting why the rainforest is important to them, and how we can all protect primates.

Suitable for KS2, can be adjusted for KS3

Threats Facing Wildlife - Primary

This can either be run as a shorter assembly or as a 60 minute workshop. We introduce pupils to four key species that Born Free cares for, elephants, tigers, orca and hedgehogs. Pupils will learn interesting facts about each species and learn about the threats they face. They will also learn how they can each make small changes in their daily lives to help protect each of the species above.

Suitable for KS1 and KS2

Threats Facing Wildlife - Secondary

This 60 minute workshop takes an in-depth look at four key threats facing wildlife around the globe: habitat loss, human-wildlife conflict, the illegal wildlife trade and trophy hunting. Classes will also find out what organisations like Born Free are doing to help halt species decline, and how they too can take action to help wild species.

Suitable for KS3 and KS4

Conservation Or Con?

This 60 minute lesson aims to highlight the role of conservation volunteers in the canned hunting industry in South Africa. It is especially suitable for groups considering gap year programmes working with wildlife or those studying travel and tourism.

Suitable for KS3 and KS4



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Teaching Aids & Resources

As well as workshops, Born Free creates bespoke teaching resources and wildlife-themed activity packs, which can be downloaded, free of charge. With detailed lesson plans and in-depth teaching notes, our resources are ready for teachers to pick up and go.

Educational Resources

We have a range of free teaching resources and lesson plans suitable for primary and secondary students. Each engaging resource pack is curriculum-linked and includes full lesson plans, PowerPoint presentations, and activities. There are plenty of opportunities to adapt the activities to suit your class and their learning. You can download our resources for free from our [tes.com](https://www.tes.com) shop.

Born Free's Great Debate

Engage your pupils in meaningful debate about key wildlife or environmental topics, including cattle farming and plastic pollution. Students will not only gain knowledge about the debate topic, but also skills that will help them to research, frame and deliver an argument while reducing their impact on biodiversity and the environment. Find out more about [Born Free's Great Debate](#).

Environmental Clubs

We are keen to support schools to promote environmental stewardship outside of lessons. Our range of Environmental Club Packs provide guidance on starting your school's very own club, as well as great ideas for activities and campaigns that can be led by the pupils themselves. Packs can be downloaded for free from our [tes.com](https://www.tes.com) shop and our team is happy to support and guide schools and pupils as needed, so please get in touch.

Hear the Roar!! School Magazine

Primary schools can sign up to receive two free copies of our Hear the Roar!! publication twice a year. Containing wildlife facts and activities, this magazine aims to increase pupil knowledge whilst promoting reading for fun. Please complete a sign-up form: bit.ly/3q0J8v3



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More About Born Free



Our Mission & Purpose

Born Free was founded by Virginia McKenna OBE and Bill Travers MBE, who starred in the movie classic, Born Free (1966), with support from their eldest son, Will Travers OBE. Born Free's mission is to ensure that all wild animals, whether living in captivity or in the wild, are treated with compassion and respect and are able to live their lives according to their needs. Born Free opposes the exploitation of wild animals in captivity and campaigns to keep wildlife in the wild.

Born Free promotes Compassionate Conservation which strives to enhance the survival of threatened species in the wild and protect natural habitats while respecting the needs of and safeguarding the welfare of individual animals. Born Free seeks to have a positive impact on animals in the wild and to protect their ecosystems in perpetuity, for their own intrinsic value and for the critical roles they play within the natural world. For more information about Born Free please visit: www.bornfree.org.uk.



The Education Programme

Born Free's Education Team is committed to inspiring and empowering young people from all walks of life to change attitudes towards wildlife, both in terms of their welfare and conservation, and drive positive behaviour change.

This programme aims to:

- Foster a love and respect for the natural world
- Increase awareness of the threats and challenges facing wildlife, both locally and globally
- Nurture a generation that is intrinsically wildlife conservation-oriented
- Promote environmental stewardship and the philosophy of sustainability
- Ensure communities understand that individual animals have fundamental value and that preventing their suffering enhances their lives and ours.

We have created engaging, fun and memorable in-school sessions and learning materials, designed for a range of abilities and Key Stages. Our work has close links to the English, science, geography, SMSC and citizenship curriculums, with the addition of elements of maths and art, as well as resources tailored towards students with Special Educational Needs. Our resources aim to develop a range of skills, including; decision making, debating, speech writing, presenting, persuasive writing, questioning, reporting and data analysis.

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"In the end we will conserve only what we love, will only love what we understand and we will understand what we are taught." Baba Dioum (1968)

