

# Future Routes Fund

## Guidance notes



## The Future Routes Fund

As part of the Year of Young People 2018, Scottish Natural Heritage, Young Scot and ReRoute have established a fantastic new fund. Future Routes is open to groups of young people and individuals from across Scotland aged 11-26 who have an idea which will promote Scotland's amazing natural environment in the Year of Young People 2018.

These guidance notes will give you information about the Future Routes Fund including who can apply, what can be funded and how to complete the idea submission form. It is important that you read this whole document before you fill out the ideas submission form.

If you need more information or if you need copies of this guide in a different format then please contact us using the details at the bottom of this page.

## Important dates

Idea Submission Deadline	12pm, Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
When you find out if your idea has been successful or not	Week beginning 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018

## I'm interested – how do I get started?

Excellent, you are in the right place! The first step is to read this guidance document and complete an Idea Submission Form. These forms can be found online at [www.young.scot/reroute](http://www.young.scot/reroute). You can request these documents as paper copies or in a different format using these contact details:

**Free Young Scot Infoline: 0808 801 0338**

**Email: [snh@young.scot](mailto:snh@young.scot)**

## Part One: About the Future Routes Fund

### What is the purpose of the fund?

The purpose of the fund is to help young people benefit from Scotland's amazing nature, landscapes and environment and contribute to Scotland's Biodiversity Strategy and [Route Map to 2020](#). SNH, Young Scot and ReRoute hope that by funding young people's ideas, more young people will be aware of and enjoy Scotland's nature and will be inspired to help protect it.

### Who can apply?

Any individuals or groups (2+) of young people living in Scotland who are aged between 11-26 can apply.

### How much money can you apply for?

The minimum amount an individual can apply for is £500 and the maximum is £2000. The minimum amount a group (2+) can apply for is £1000 and the maximum is £5000.

### What information do you need to provide about your idea?

The Idea Submission Form asks for a summary of your idea, how it meets the fund's criteria and a simple overview of your budget to explain how you think you will spend the funding. Try to provide as much information as possible but if you are not sure about some details that is ok – there will be support to help you develop your ideas if they are successful.

*Please note: successful applicants to Future Routes are not eligible for support from any of the other Year of Young People funds*



## Part Two: Criteria - what sort of ideas can be funded?

Your ideas could be anything that connects young people to Scotland's nature, from short films or theatre performances to art exhibitions, conservation projects, discussion days or nature trails. It really is up to you!

We welcome ideas which would:

- » Provide a platform for young people's opinions about the environment to be heard
- » Encourage young people who have little experience or interest in nature or the outdoors to get involved
- » Show how nature can promote a healthy lifestyle
- » Highlight equality issues and celebrate diversity
- » Showcase the skills of young people
- » Relate to a topic in Scotland's Biodiversity Strategy and Route Map to 2020

Ideas will be assessed against these four criteria:

### 1) Ideas must engage young people in nature in some way

The idea should either share information about Scotland's nature, inspire young people to enjoy nature, encourage young people to experience nature in new or creative ways or enable young people to voice their opinions about nature in Scotland

### 2) Ideas must share one of the Year of Young People 2018 objectives

These are that 2018 will:

- » Provide a platform for young people (aged 8-26 years) to have their views heard and acted upon
- » Showcase the amazing talents of young people through events and media
- » Develop better understanding, co-operation and respect between generations
- » Recognise the impact of teachers, youth workers and other supporting adults on young people's lives
- » Provide opportunities for young people to express themselves through culture, sport and other activities.

### 3) Ideas must take place in Scotland in 2018

As the fund is all about young people and Scotland's nature, your idea must take place in Scotland

### 4) Ideas must be designed, planned and delivered by young people

One of the main principles of YOYP 2018 is that young people are at the heart of everything that happens! Therefore ideas funded by the Future Routes Fund must be led by young people and for the benefit of young people.

## Part Three: What will Future Routes not fund?

Ideas will **not** be considered if:

- » Proposed projects are closed/private events and are therefore not open to other people in your community to attend
- » The funding would be used to buy equipment that would be for your own personal use or gain, or to buy goods or services for projects which are not related to your idea. (Applications to fund equipment as part of a broader project may be considered in some circumstances)
- » Applications seek replacement funding or to use this fund to fill budget gaps created by the withdrawal of another funder
- » Ideas conflict with any of the themes, objectives or ethos of the Year of Young People 2018
- » Ideas align with any partners or sponsors which would be viewed as inappropriate for the age-range of the people who may benefit from your idea
- » Ideas which demonstrate any form of political bias.



## Part Four: How It Works

Below is an outline of the key dates involved if you have idea you would like Future Routes funding for. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

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If you would like to apply for Future Routes funding, you will need to complete an Idea Submission Form by 12pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

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### Decision Making

**Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Idea Submission Forms will be assessed by a decision-making panel made up of representatives from ReRoute, SNH and Young Scot. They will decide which ideas receive funding based on how well they meet the criteria outlined in this document.

Unfortunately we will not be able to fund all projects.

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### Development Phase

**March 2017**

If your idea is successful, you will have the opportunity to develop it further at a workshop. You can also receive support by phone and email. This ensures that your idea will be the best it can possibly be and will help connect other young people to nature effectively.



## Part Five: The Project Support

Each individual or group must appoint a Project Support, a trusted adult aged 21 or over who agrees to support the group throughout the process and take overall financial responsibility.

The Project Support must be someone who regularly works with young people and holds a PVG certificate

If the members of the group are all over 18 and are no longer in education or members of a youth group, then the Project Support could be an employer (for example your Line Manager) or an adult in a position of responsibility within the community who is aged 21 or over. PVGs are not necessarily required if all young people in the group are aged 18 or over.

The Project Support must:

- » Agree to support the group throughout the process, from idea submission and delivery to final evaluation and reporting
- » Provide financial accountability for the grant
- » Provide appropriate bank account details to receive the funding
- » Ensure all necessary insurances are in place for running your idea
- » Ensure all necessary child protection and safeguarding policies (where relevant) and procedures are adhered to, including ensuring all consents are obtained.

The Project Support will be required to sign a funding agreement form which will be emailed to them to complete before you receive your funding.

## Part Six: Reporting

We want to make sure that the successful ideas are recorded, shared and celebrated with others.

Therefore, if your idea receives funding you will be asked to keep in touch with us regularly and to keep a record of what you get up to (this could be through photos, videos, logs etc.). You will also be asked to submit a full budget of how the funding was spent and to participate in feedback and follow up conversations with us once your idea has been delivered.

If your idea is successful, more information about this will be provided during the development phase.

## Background Information

### Who is Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)?

SNH is the government funded body that looks after all of Scotland's nature and landscapes. For more information visit [www.snh.gov.uk](http://www.snh.gov.uk)



### Who is Young Scot?

Young Scot is Scotland's national youth information and citizenship charity for young people aged 11-26 in Scotland. For more information visit [www.youngscot.net](http://www.youngscot.net)



### Who is ReRoute?

ReRoute is a group of 14 young people who are working with SNH and Young Scot to engage young people in Scotland's amazing nature and outdoors and Scotland's Biodiversity Strategy. To find out more visit [www.young.scot/reroute](http://www.young.scot/reroute).



### What is the Year of Young People 2018?

Every year in Scotland is given a theme. 2018 will be the Year of Young People and is aimed to inspire Scotland through our young people, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contributions to communities and creating new opportunities for young people to shine locally, nationally and on the international stage! More information can be found on [www.yoyp2018.scot](http://www.yoyp2018.scot)



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