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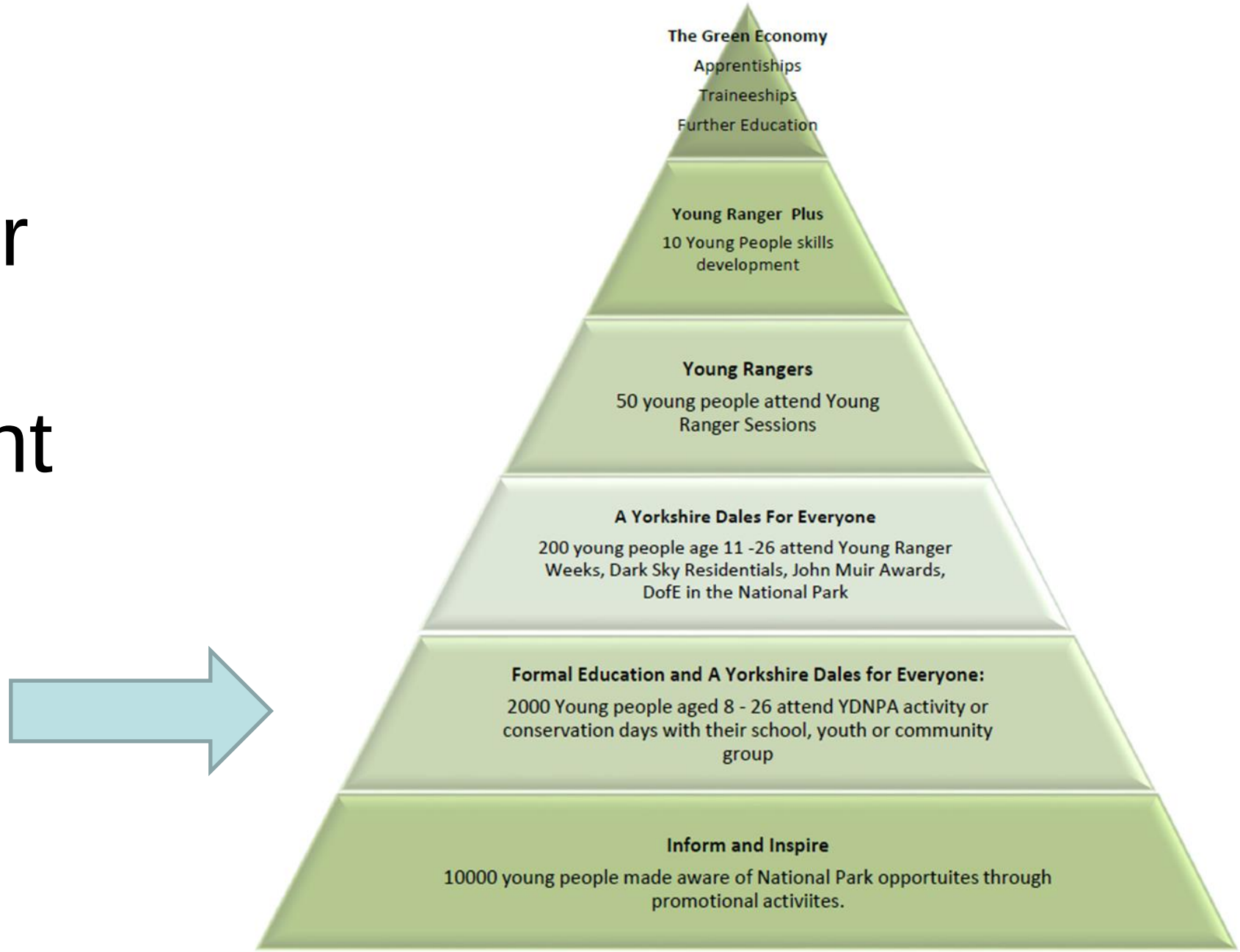
AMBASSADOR SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

YDNPA strategy for youth engagement



Why education in the National Park?

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Our offer falls under 4 key themes:

1: Understanding our landscape

2: Climate Change Champions

3: Helping nature recovery

4: Our well-being in the outdoors

Delivery

2021-22

- Delivered curriculum-linked educational activities to over 2,654 children and young people (c&yp) in primary and secondary education

2022-23

- 2397 children and young people…so far

Ambassador Schools Programme

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- Pilot started Jan 2022
- Schools sign up for 1 year of support

- Current Ambassador Schools:
  - Cracoe and Rylstone Primary
  - Kettlewell Primary
  - Settle Primary
  - Ingleton Primary
  - Leyburn Primary

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What is an Ambassador School?

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- Champions the Yorkshire Dales National Park and works in partnership with it
- Embeds outdoor learning and environmental education across the curriculum
- Ensures all teachers are confident in delivering outdoor learning
- Measures the impact of this work
- Shares their experiences, ideas and resources with other schools

What outcomes would we want to see?

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- Pupils know about the YDNP
- All pupils have opportunities each year to learn about the environment, in the environment
- Pupils feel more connected to nature
- Pupils value nature and take action to enhance nature
- Pupils recognise the benefit of being outdoors for their mental and physical health
- Staff have more confidence in delivering outdoor learning and environmental education

29.6.22 The beautiful wild flower meadow at Lower Winskill
Around the farm
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The stunning Ribblesdale
29.6.22 Farmer Tom: the Yorkshire butterfly farmer!
He showed us how he looks after nature to encourage butterflies
Smelling fragrant orchids
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What is on offer?

- 1:1 support with a curriculum leader to explore opportunities within the curriculum across the school for outdoor learning and environmental education
- Modelling of curriculum based outdoor sessions with different year groups
- Whole staff twilight training on planning and delivering outdoor learning sessions
- In school or online session for a class on National Parks and the Yorkshire Dales
- Sharing of resources