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## Welcome to the Mosaic Young Champions Resource

As president of the Campaign for National Parks, I am very proud of our work engaging new audiences with the National Parks. The Mosaic Young Champions Programme has shown that National Parks are an extraordinary canvas for developing youth leadership and that young people in return can do a tremendous amount for the National Parks. Acting as “Young Champions” promoting the National Parks to their peers, these young people really are the National Park pioneers of the future.

The Mosaic Young Champions are an amazing bunch of 16 to 25 year olds. Through their work as young leaders they have changed the way National Parks in the South West of England are run.

In this, the Campaign for National Parks’ 75<sup>th</sup> year, they have enabled hundreds of young people, many of whom had never visited a National Park before, to enjoy the special places that National Parks are. Through their efforts they have achieved countless awards and recognition for their volunteering.

This resource is packed full of case studies, video clips, ‘how to guides’ and materials that are designed to give you a taste of the Mosaic Young Champions’ tremendous achievements. We hope that it will enable you and your colleagues to learn from the successes and lessons of the work.

I urge you to make yourself a brew, sit down, and dip into this resource for a few minutes. I am sure you will find it worth it!

Keep up the good work.



Ben Fogle

President of the Campaign for National Parks

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