

A photograph of three young people in a garden setting. On the left, a young woman wearing a black hijab and a light blue shirt is smiling and looking towards the center. In the middle, another young woman with long dark hair, also in a light blue shirt, is smiling and looking towards the right. On the right, a young woman with blonde hair, wearing a green sweater, is looking down at a small green card she is holding. They are all gathered around a large board that is covered with many small, colorful cards or photographs. The background is filled with lush green foliage, including palm leaves.

Royal Botanic Gardens Kew

Kew Youth Explainer Programme

Kew Gardens' free, award-winning science communication programme is looking for young people who are passionate about protecting our natural world!

**Are you 14–17? Interested in biodiversity and conservation?
Enjoy spending time surrounded by nature and making
new friends?**

What is it?

The Youth Explainer Programme is a year-long science communication programme. You will work as a team to design bespoke nature-inspired tabletop games based on the plants in Kew's glasshouses. You will then volunteer in the glasshouses, using your games to educate the public and inspire visitors to care and learn more about the important conservation work that happens here.

By taking part in this programme you can:

- Gain your volunteering and skills sections of your Duke of Edinburgh award.
- Gain a Kew Young Environmental Leaders Award.
- Develop your confidence and communication skills.
- Develop your knowledge of the natural world.
- Go behind the scenes in the Gardens and discover how Kew scientists work to conserve threatened plants and fungi.
- Have your own Kew-inspired board game professionally produced.
- Meet like-minded people and make new friends.

When is it?

- Training programme: Every Saturday from October to March, 10.15am – 3.15pm.
- Volunteering sessions: 10–12 sessions on Saturdays between April and September, 10.30am – 3pm.

How do I get involved?

- Please email **youth@kew.org** for the application link or ask a teacher at your school.
- The deadline for receiving applications is Friday 6 October.