

100 MILE CLASSROOM

**Joining the dots
for young people
& nature across
Sussex**



How can nature recovery meet the needs of young people?

35% - of secondary state schools in UK provide no outdoor learning.

28% - young people feel overwhelmed by eco anxiety.

70% - teachers with no training on climate or biodiversity.

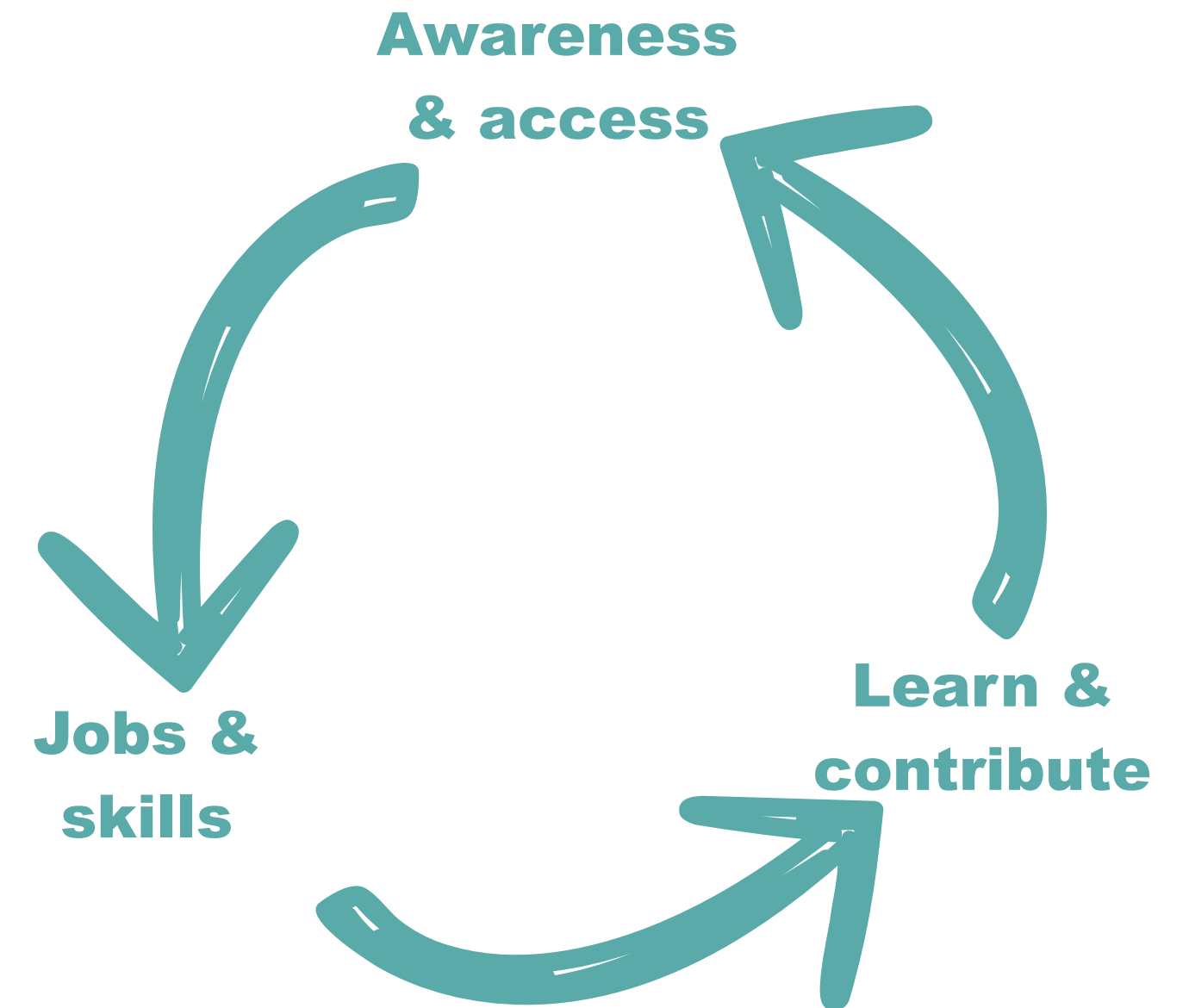
£9000 - annual education grants available to landowners.

75% - young people cannot explain what a green job is.

16% - economically active 16-24-year-olds are unemployed.

34% - of total UK green job ads based in South East.

10% - course-to-apprenticeship conversion rate in Sussex.



100 Mile Classroom turns Weald to Waves into a landscape-scale classroom

Connectivity

Linking landowners and projects with schools.

Co-creation

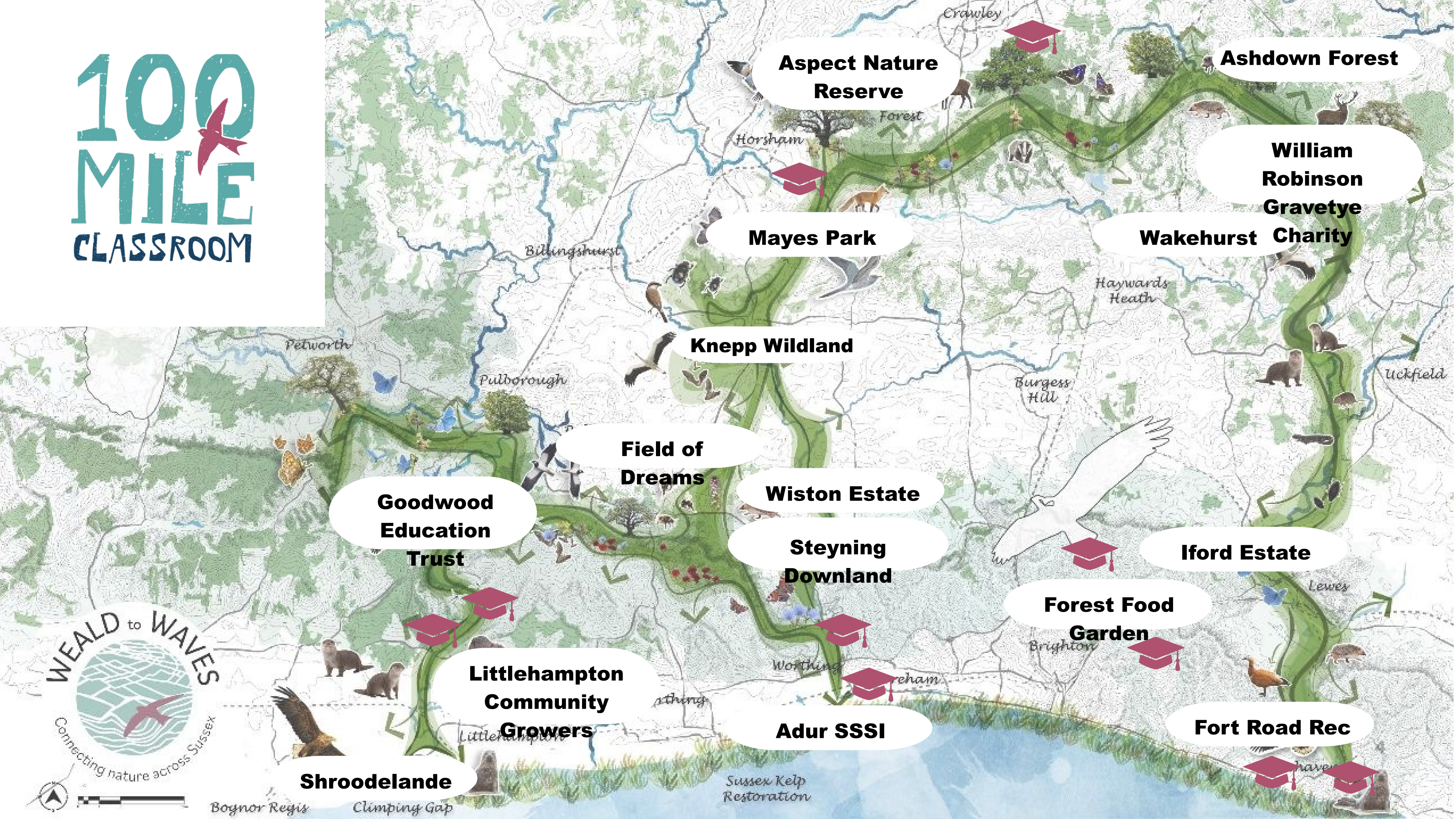
Young people shaping, designing and creating change.

Equitable access

Making access to nature-based learning fair and equitable.



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Aspect Nature Reserve

Ashdown Forest

William Robinson Gravetye Wakehurst Charity

Mayes Park

Knepp Wildland

Field of Dreams

Goodwood Education Trust

Wiston Estate

Steyning Downland

Iford Estate

Forest Food Garden

Littlehampton Community Growers

Adur SSSI

Fort Road Rec

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Boynor Regis

Climping Gap

Sussex Kelp Restoration

Bringing nature into schools, and schools out into nature

School resources

4 x KS3 curriculum-linked lesson plans.
1 x intro video.
Actions for Nature workshop.
Blue Green online learning resource.

Taking education outside

300+ hedgerow saplings planted.
Soil, pond, grassland, hedgerow surveys.
Council-funded holiday (HAF) sessions.
16 sites; 4 new education sites.

Green job pathways

3 x dual site work experience sessions.
Blue Green online careers resource.
Green Careers workshop.

KS3 Science (Biology)

How can rewilding help to restore biodiversity?



The activities in this pack support students' exploration of the threats to biodiversity and how natural processes can help to restore it. Focusing on the rewilding project at Knepp as a case study, students analyse data and identify what it shows us about the impact of rewilding on biodiversity restoration.

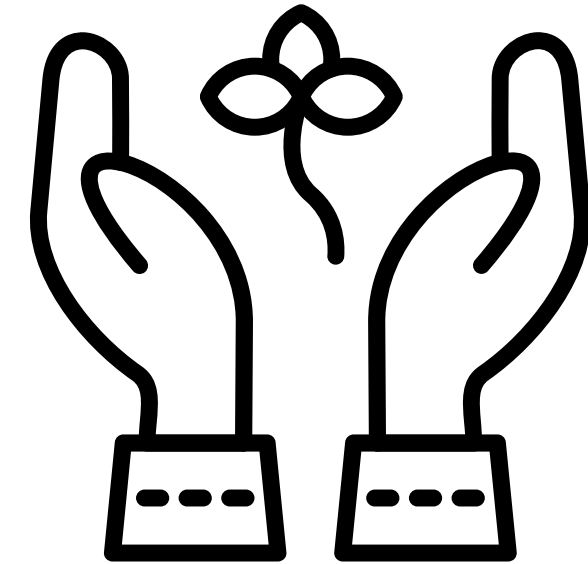
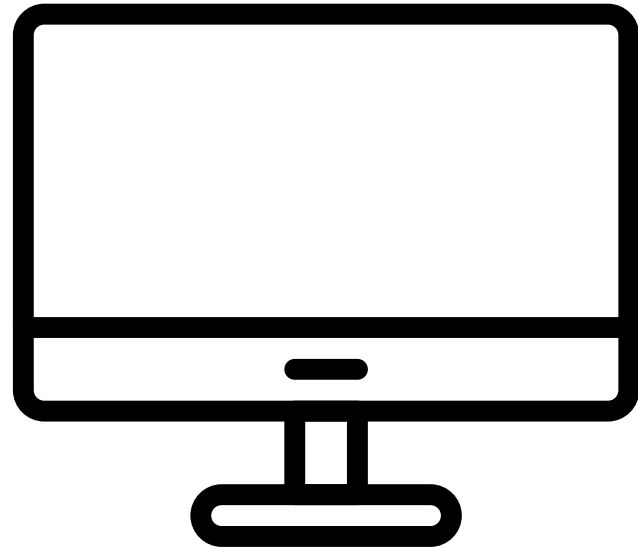
Curriculum links

Knowledge

- the importance of maintaining biodiversity
- the interdependence of organisms in an ecosystem, including food webs



What's next? Amplifying impact



From 100s - 1000s of pupils

- Dedicated online area for schools.
- 20 priority secondary state and SEN schools.
- Templates tried and tested to roll out resources quicker.
- Youth-led content.
- Training and CPD for teachers.

More sites & better access

- Mapping walkable sites for secondary schools.
- Creating pipeline of nature education facilitators.
- Helping W2W members access education grants.
- Training, activity calendar, equipment support.

Putting green jobs on the map

- Weald to Waves as an employer.
- Closer partnerships with green employers & sustainability teams.
- Dual site accessible work experience.

What's next? Unlocking opportunity through a structured pathway



1

- Watch 100 Mile Classroom video in school
- Visit nature recovery project with school
- Organise local beach clean with mates



2

- Monthly volunteering at local site
- 100 Mile Classroom work experience week
- Help lead school Actions for Nature workshop



3

- Sign up to mentoring
- Paid internship with local green employer
- Entry level green job

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