

Elliot Connor

Changemaker and Conservationist

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ABSTRACT

Elliot is an aspiring young conservationist, photographer and leader. He is a passionate motivator and advocate for change, working with organizations spanning local grassroots start-ups and established international names. His life goal is to dispel some of the cognitive biases surrounding humans' natural superiority over other lifeforms, and to contribute towards a thriving global community of nature-lovers- as he puts it, "Reconnecting the family tree of life."

EXPERIENCE

Founder and CEO

Human Nature Projects 06/2019- current

- Establishing and maintaining a global conservation charity, empowering 1000 individuals in 100 countries globally to reimagine conservation via community projects

Youth Ambassador

CoalitionWILD 04/2019- current

- Among 34 young leaders aged 15-35 internationally to be selected for this development program, including mentoring for the implementation of a 9-month environmental project

Assistant Country Director

Global Peace Chain 08/2019- current

- Co-directing the delivery of outreach programmes and events to promote international peace and cooperation through the GPC Australia base

Founder

Sydney Naturalists 04/2018- current

- Setting up this local field naturalists' group and overseeing monthly meetings of between one and two dozen members

Youth Ambassador

Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature 08/2019- current

- Collaborating with a small team of passionate young leaders to facilitate awareness schemes and other programmes concerning the Rights of Nature

Ambassador

Lawrence Anthony Earth Organization 07/2019- current

- Prompting and developing the conservation initiatives of this USA-based conservation organization to protect Earth's biodiversity



PHILOSOPHY

"The least I can do is speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves."

Jane Goodall

EDUCATION

Higher School Studies

Manly Selective Campus NBSC 2018 –

Higher School Studies

Sydney Grammar School 2015 – 2017

AWARDS

Young Landcare Leader Award

Greater Sydney Landcare Forum 2019

Black Opal Volunteering Award

NSW Department of Education 2018

National Finalist/ First in NSW

The Quest Interschool Competition 2018

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

Duke of Edinburgh International 2018

Top Scoring Team- Sydney

Tournament of the Minds 2018

Finalist- Youth Section

Golden Turtle Intl. Photo Contest 2019

Exhibitionist/ Highly Commended

Animals in the Wild AU Comp. 2019

EXPERIENCE

National Youth Leadership Council Member ✉

Jane Goodall Institute Australia 07/2019- current

- One of a dozen passionate Australians directing and contributing to JGIA's activities via this internship-type position

Regional Ambassador

Tunza Eco-Generation 08/2019- current

- Representing Australia in this young environmental leadership programme sponsored by Samsung Engineering via local actions and usage of their digital interface

Regional Mobilizer- Asia-Pacific

Youth for our Planet 07/2019- current

- Acting as a key member of their global steering group in planning strategic actions for growth across its operations and collaborations with other youth networks

Youth Ambassador

HundrED.org 08/2019- current

- Undertaking in outreach and ideation activities related to the field of education innovation; sharing best practices

Birdathon Coordinator

Birdlife Australia 08/2019- current

- Orchestrating the largest open event in Birdlife Australia's annual Twitchathon competition, including communications, outreach, data processing and follow-up

Humanitarian ✉

Global Goodwill Ambassadors 09/2019- current

- Sourcing and writing short blog articles on the most revolutionary conservation leaders globally to inspire others and recognize their commitment

CEC Member

International Union for Conservation of Nature 09/2019- current

- Recognized amongst the distinguished individuals participating in the Commission on Education and Communication within the IUCN framework

Social Media Officer

In Focus Conservation 02/2019- current

- Maintaining an active profile on Facebook via design of new material, in addition to strategic reposting and sharing of proven content

Research Assistant

Australian Bird-Banding Scheme 11/2017- current

- Training for a C-class bird-banding license via monthly participation in the Western Sydney Bird Banding Project

GAP Ambassador

BIJ Global 10/2019- current

- Advising on an international cetacean scheme in partnership with IUCN's CEC, and selecting a delegation to the World Conservation Congress, Marseilles 2020

AWARDS

2nd Place- Youth

IUCN Oceania Photo Contest 2019

Academic Exhibitors Award

Sydney Grammar School 2017

Principal's Award yr. 10 & 11

Manly Selective Campus NBSC 2018-19

Winning Proposal

B. Inspiring Future Leaders STEM 2018

Best Pitch

Macquarie Uni Business Challenge 2018

7th Grade AMEB Clarinet 🎷

Australian Music Examination Board 2018

DELFB1 Diploma for French Fluency

Alliance Française 2018

PUBLICATIONS

An Open Letter to Conservation

Biodiversity Revisited

<https://www.biodiversityrevisited.earth/an-open-letter-to-conservation/>

The Tale of the Night Parrot (and others)

Lost and Found Conservation

<https://www.lostandfoundnature.com/blog/2019/02/27/the-tale-of-the-night-parrot/>

5 Lessons from Changing the World (and others)

CoalitionWILD

<https://coalitionwild.org/5-lessons/>

PRESENTATIONS

Wilderness Foundation Global- WILD11 Congress India

A Global Vision for Conservation Community 21/03/2020

- Presentation of a vision for unity within this reclusive field, encompassing my youthful perspective and work across two dozen organizations as case studies

34th NSW Environmental Education Conference

Connection and Collaboration within Conservation 04/10/2019

- Delivery of a summation piece upon my learnings from diverse involvement across various organizations and the essentials of the 4 C's of conservation

Anthropocene Transition Resilience Roundtable

Youth in the Anthropocene 10/08/2019

- Speaking amongst a dozen other youth leaders on the role that the upcoming generation has to play in the environmental politics of the 21st century

CONFERENCES

Junior Engineering Academy

Samsung Engineering and Tunza Eco-Generation 11/2019

- Fully funded scholarship granted to attend this global gathering of young environmental innovators in Seoul, Korea

Australian Energy Storage Conference and Exhibition

Australian Energy Storage Alliance and WWF 14/6/2019

- Volunteering at this event on admin roles and guiding a youth consultation session to create interactive policy maps on various related topics

EXPERIENCE

High Impact Leaders Fellow

Zero to One Foundation 10/2019- current

- Undertaking in an intensive training course to help empower others to end youth unemployment on the African continent

Oceania- Focal Point Coordinator

Global Youth Biodiversity Network 09/2019- current

- Collaborating with those fellow young environmental leaders in the Oceania region to develop a strong core team as a basis for GYBN's new regional operations

Judge- Energy and Environment

Conrad Challenge 11/2019- current

- Scoring a number of student business model submissions on the theme of 'Energy and the Environment,' and providing feedback for future development

Expert Mentor

Euforia Marketplace 10/2019- current

- Donating my time and expertise to assist upcoming leaders through any challenges they might be facing in undertaking local community work

MENTORS

Will Lawson

BBC Director, Naturalist etc.

[LinkedIn](#) 08/2019-current

Daniel Fox

Pro Photographer, Author etc.

[LinkedIn](#) 09/2019-current

Steve Parish

Publisher, Digital Artist etc.

[LinkedIn](#) 06/2018-current

Wayt Gibbs

Writer, Editor etc.

[LinkedIn](#) 03/2018-09/2018

BIOGRAPHIES

Elliot Connor

The Proust Nature Questionnaire

<http://proustnaturequestionnaire.com/elliott-connor/>

Spotlight on Elliot Connor

Next Gen Summit

<https://www.ngsummit.com/spotlight/elliottconnor>

The Road Less Travelled

Lonely Conservationists

<https://lonelyconservationists.com/2019/07/17/elliott-the-road-less-travelled/>

Human Nature and a Stick Insect

Youth4Nature

<https://www.youth4nature.org/stories/kch02yvgqy00rqbz62xndvfcj0977d>

Interview re. HNP

Youth for our Planet

<https://www.youthforourplanet.com/post/187620118292/human-nature-projects-international>

Meet the Lost and Found Team:

Elliot Connor

Lost and Found Nature

<https://www.lostandfoundnature.com/blog/2019/05/18/meet-the-lost-found-team-elliott-connor/>

EXPERIENCE

Event Ambassador

Future Leaders Model United Nations 09/2019- current

- Assisting a small team of operational staff in locating applicable young leaders for participation in the conference, performing outreach duties for the event

Veterinary Assistant

LPO- Birdlife France 01/2019

- Lodging independently in a Southern French castle for a month whilst undertaking a daily schedule of duties to care for raptors and hedgehogs in a wildlife hospital.

Script-writer

School Strike for Climate Podcast 03/2019- 10/2019

- Working alongside a global youth team to create weekly scripts for an extended-length 50 minute podcast discussing climate change and its possible solutions

Youth Ambassador

Mosman Council 04/2018- 04/ 2019

- Acting as a consultant for and proponent of council sustainability initiatives for a one-year term, including touring local sportsgrounds with trained actors as 'Litter Detectives'

Community Engagement Team

Birdlife Australia Discovery Centre 07/2017- 10/2018

- Teaching visitors of all ages and experience levels about Australia's avian diversity at this small museum building alongside other volunteer staff for one weekend per month

Birdwatching Tour Guide

Follow that Bird 08/2018- 12/2018

- Accommodating paying guests on day trips whilst spotting and identifying birds- a position sadly cut short by the company director's retirement

Online Field Guide Design

Gaiaguide 09/2017- 11/2017

- Collaborating with programmer Geoff Shuetrim to create an electronic field-guide to Australia's Insects; abandoned due to the project's immense scale and technical failure.

Camera-trapping Surveyor

National Parks and Wildlife Service 04/2018

- Assisting rangers with monitoring of long-nosed bandicoot populations in Ku-ring-gai National Park to safeguard against threat from feral cats and foxes.

Assistant Keeper

Australian Walkabout Wildlife Park 11/2017- 04/2019

- Undertaking basic housekeeping and husbandry tasks necessary around the zoo to allow regular keepers the freedom to oversee more advanced tasks

Outreach and Marketing Officer

Young Scientists of Australia 09/2018- 09/2019

- Facilitating educational events, designing brochures, maintaining their Facebook platform and assisting in community-building activity development

LANGUAGES

English

Native

French

Proficient

German

Basic

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TRAINING / COURSES

Plants and People (100hrs)

The Open University 03/2019

Youth Leading the World Congress

OzGREEN 09/2018

Transboundary Protected Areas

UN Development Program 03/2019

Science and Cooking (2*40hrs)

Harvard University via EdX 07/2018

Backyard Meteorology (30hrs)

Harvard University via EdX 03/2019

Natural History Illustration 101 (35hrs)

Newcastle University via EdX 05/2018

Super-Earths and Life (50hrs)

Harvard University via EdX 05/2019

A Taste of Electrical Engineering

University of New South Wales 09/2018

Nonprofit Essentials Certificate

NonprofitReady.org 09/2019

Future Fit Programme

Misk Global Forum 08/2019

EXPERIENCE

Citizen Science Marshall

Jenolan Caves Bioblitz 11/2018

- Mobilising people in contributing to citizen-science surveys as part of an on-the-ground organization team leading survey groups.

Local Team Member

The Wilderness Society 02/2019- 11/2019

- Doorknocking for their Change the Laws of Nature campaign; establishing a presence via Facebook; developing local initiatives to inform and engage community members.

Working Group Member

Youth Climate Movement (YOUNGO) 10/2019- current

- Participating across half a dozen specialist groups in the YOUNGO platform to influence major world negotiations of political leaders and drive positive policy change.

Campaign Volunteer

Nature Conservation Council 02/2019

- Taking part in a long-term doorknocking campaign to raise awareness about and ultimately slow the rampant deforestation on Australia's Eastern Coast.

Fundraising Champion

Students Rebuild 04/2019- 05/2019

- Individually participating in this international fundraising event, I raised a total of \$2500 USD for marine conservation initiatives in developing countries.

Assistant Keeper

Taronga Conservation Society 11/2019

- Assisting the nurses and veterinarians with animal husbandry and treatment in Taronga Zoo's wildlife hospital for the duration of one week.

Work Experience Placement

Odd Studio Special Effects 10/2019

- Learning the basic techniques required to create SFX fake wounds and creature models for screenplays via plasticine sculpture, silicone casting and airbrush painting

Childcare Assistant

Heritage House 03/2017- 11/2017

- Acting as a youth carer for infants aged 2-4 years old in weekly volunteering sessions

Customer Representative

Dominoes Manly 09/2018- 12/2018

- Performing a range of tasks including operating a register, making pizzas, storing and preparing food, and cleaning for up to 20 hours per week in this part-time job

TRAINING/COURSES

Rescue and Immediate Care Course

WRES Wildlife Rehabilitation 09/2019

Making Moves: Creating a Conservation Movement

Brooke Tully 10/2019

Leadership, Sustainability and Ethics

Earth Charter Initiative 10/2019

Discovering Inclusive Leadership

Inclusive Leadership Cooperative 10/2019

Designing for Environmental Sustainability & Social Impact

The Nature Conservancy, +Acumen 10/2019

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