

ReVOLution – 1

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Hundreds of 16 to 25-year-olds from across the South West are set to take part in the Region's first ever youth volunteering and conservation festival, **ReVOLution 08**.

The free event, which will take place near Exeter between 19-21 September, is being organised by young people in collaboration with the National Trust and the nationwide independent youth volunteering charity, v ([www.vinspired.com](http://www.vinspired.com)).

Up to 500 young people will spend the weekend under canvas while enjoying great live bands and local seasonal food.

But they will also be there to take part in the festival's **Conservation Challenge**, a massive volunteering exercise that aims to do two years worth of conservation work in a single day. Festival-goers will help clear a large area of overgrown forest to restore it to woodland pasture.

The live music line up includes **The Madrips**, a fresh and vibrant new band from North Cornwall with a rapidly growing following as well as rising stars **Fortune Favours**, whose punchy rock 'n' roll vibe is making waves in their native Wales.

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The festival aims to be as environmentally friendly as possible and organisers are encouraging festival-goers to car share or use public transport to get there.

Tickets for **ReVOLution 08** are available to 16-25 year olds living in Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Bristol, Somerset, Dorset, Devon and Cornwall, whether individuals or part of a group. They can be obtained from the ticket hotline 07825 034 252 or via [www.revolutionfestival.org.uk](http://www.revolutionfestival.org.uk).

National Trust Youth Volunteering Development Manager in the South West Heather Worth said: **“We want young people to see that volunteering and having a really good laugh are not mutually exclusive activities.**

**“ReVOLution 08 is for young people to have a brilliant weekend watching live bands, eating good food and doing some great conservation work they can be proud of.**

**“This festival is about getting more young people involved in volunteering, showing the world what we can achieve when we work together and are having a lot of fun at the same time.”**

Fourteen young people were recruited earlier this year to help develop and organise the event as a core group of volunteers, and they designed and set up the website [www.revolutionfestival.org.uk](http://www.revolutionfestival.org.uk) and produced posters for the event.

Seventeen year-old Oliver Newth from Gloucestershire is one of the 14 young organisers and said: **“Being involved from the start means we’ve been able to put together the kind of festival people our age really want to go to. It’s been a brilliant experience and none of us can wait for September.”**

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Benjie Eldridge from Cornish band, the Madrips said: **“We’re really looking forward to playing at ReVOLution 08 and totally support what it’s about. We’re from the Westcountry and hold a very personal love for our area and try to communicate a positive and respectful tribute through our music. If we can bring awareness to causes like v and the National Trust that work to protect the land, then that is what we’re here to do.”**

### **NOTES TO NEWS/PIX EDITOR**

- For more information about ReVOLution 08 or Jpegs of the Madrips and Fortune Favours please contact the National Trust’s Youth Volunteering Team (Heather Worth on 07825 034 188 or Hannah Mayell on 07825 034 252) or visit [www.revolutionfestival.org.uk](http://www.revolutionfestival.org.uk).
- All those acquiring tickets for ReVOLution 08 must agree to the following rules of entry:
  1. No alcohol or drugs.  
Whether people are 18 or not, there is to be NO drinking or drugs on site. The organisers believe that you don’t need either of these to have a good time.
  2. Right of admission reserved.  
Revolution 08 is for happy people who want a happy time. If visitors are not nice to other people then they may be politely removed.
  3. No campfires.  
Due to health and safety requirements, the organisers are not allowing any campfires at the festival.
  4. The event is for young people who are aged 16 - 25.  
The organisers welcome & encourage Group Leaders or Assistants (of any age!) to attend and enjoy the event with their groups.

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