By taking part in the Fruit-full Communities Project you will make a real difference to your own lives, your local community and your local environment.

You will learn how to do things you have never done before and you will plant trees and other plants that will provide you with fruit for years to come.

You will be creating a beautiful place for people in your community to enjoy and you will be helping to reduce the impact of climate change in your area.

But you may not have realised that you will not be alone in doing that – you will be part of a much bigger movement for change.
YMCAs across the whole of England and Wales are taking part in our project - and there are 30 other projects that are part of Our Bright Future. Find out more here www.ourbrightfuture.co.uk.

Across the country there are young people doing things to help the environment. Together we will have a massive impact!

Across the globe there are literally thousands of people doing just what you are doing - working on local projects that make a difference. We are part of a global movement that really does stand a chance of reducing climate change, increasing biodiversity and creating a truly healthy planet.
Think Global, Act Local

Tree Planting Projects around the World

Happy Bruno is growing passion fruits in Uganda. Trees are planted to support the passion fruit plants that grow up through them. He does conservation work with PROBICOU (Probiodiversity Conservationists of Uganda). They are trying to save Kafuga Forest which is in danger of being cut down so that people can grow tea on the land. Kafuga is right next to Bwindi National Park which is highly protected because it is where Mountain Gorillas live. So the work is very important in protecting wildlife and the many different species of plants that live there. Happy Bruno and his friends are planning to build bee hives so that they can harvest the honey. You can contact Bruno through the Fruit-full Communities Global Exchange group on Facebook.

This group of young people are working with Mount Kenya Environmental Conservation growing and planting trees to help restore the Mount Kenya forest. Many trees have been cut down as people have needed firewood and space to grow food. This has damaged the soils and reduced rainfall so crops don’t grow so well. Now trees are being planted that will provide new livelihoods for local people and restore the environment. You can see videos from these young people on the Fruit-full Communities Global Exchange group on Facebook.
Sibyitha Biira Jesca and Kabugho Phiona have both been trained by Alpha Women Empowerment Initiative in Uganda to grow mango trees. These provide fruit for them to eat and to sell in the market so they don’t need to cut down other trees to sell firewood. This project is helping to stop deforestation in the area. You can see letters and a video from these young women on the Fruit-full Communities Global Exchange Facebook group.

Get involved!

How do you think young people from different countries can join together to make a difference? How can you support each other? You can share your thoughts and ideas in lots of ways - letters, photos, videos, blogs as well as via Facebook.

Find out more about the tree planting projects supported by International Tree Foundation here: internationaltreefoundation.org

You can connect with other young people involved in tree-planting projects by joining the Fruit-full Communities Global Exchange group on Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/1744242085844349

For more ideas and orchard resources visit: www.fruitfullcommunities.org