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## Trevor Bowyer

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### ***How did you get where you are today?***

I have always been involved in nature and its conservation from an early age. I did lots of volunteering in my youth and throughout my time as a primary school teacher in Colchester. After leaving teaching I was luckily enough to get a summer job here at Holland Park which led to the position I am in today.

### ***What tips would you give someone starting out in your field?***

To go to lots of different places, meet lots of different people and attend lots of different types of training for inspiration and sharing of ideas.

### ***What inspires you? Or who?***

In my childhood the stories of Gerald Durrell and books by David Attenborough and Desmond Morris were inspirational to me. I now would say spiders can be inspiring in many ways especially their web building. Now I sound like Robert the Bruce.

### ***What is a significant memory of being in nature as a child?***

I remember seeing a hoopee when I was very young Trent Park near Cockfosters. My memory was that I got quite close to it before it flew away and it was a magical experience.

### ***What project are you most proud of?***

The development of a Forest School programme within Holland Park. It has proven very popular and the children attending it are always very enthusiastic.

### ***What's your favourite game or activity?***

Making clay gnomes and then their homes with children in Forest School and holiday activities.

### ***What's your favourite eco-place in London, and why?***

I am lucky to live quite close to Richmond Park and always enjoy walks around the ponds there and seeing the deer.

### ***Do you have a recommendation to LEEF members?***

Children love, value and remember experiences through rhymes and laughter.

### ***What are you working on at the moment?***

At the moment we are trying to develop an informal assessment system for the children attending Forest School and developing new activities for family days in the park.

### ***How would you like to see Environmental or Sustainability Education develop in the next 10 years?***

I would like to see informal environmental education type activities being made part of the curriculum for all children.



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