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Applying and Enhancing Learning Volunteering with the National Trust

**Tracy Hayes with Dolly and Evie (year 3)
Louise and Shannan (year 2)**

Working with Children & Families, Health, Psychology and Social Studies

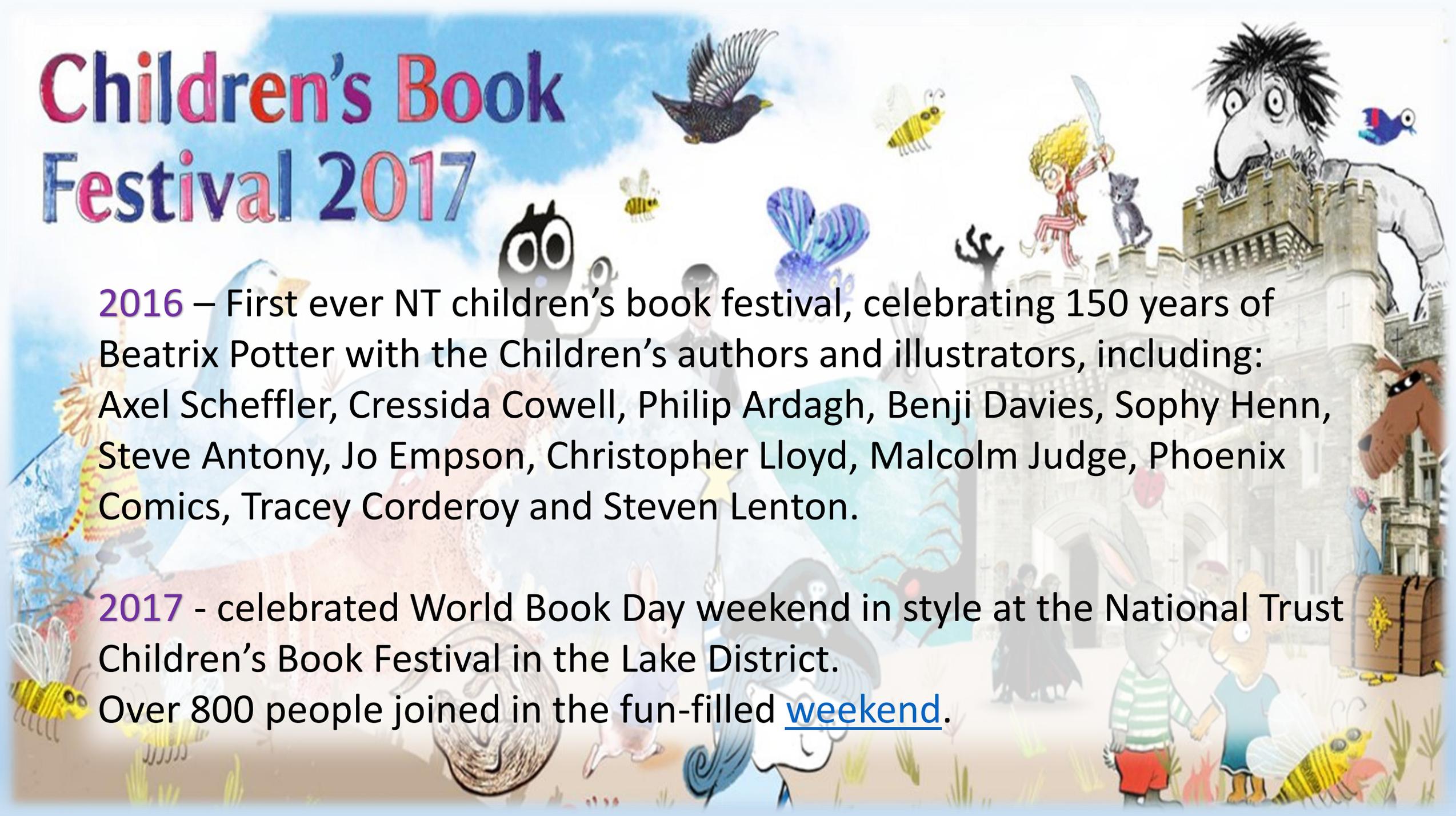
Introduction

We will:

1. Explain what we have been doing on this volunteering project.
2. Share our reasons for getting involved.
3. Facilitate a discussion as to why it is important to apply and enhance learning through volunteering.



Children's Book Festival 2017



2016 – First ever NT children's book festival, celebrating 150 years of Beatrix Potter with the Children's authors and illustrators, including: Axel Scheffler, Cressida Cowell, Philip Ardagh, Benji Davies, Sophy Henn, Steve Antony, Jo Empson, Christopher Lloyd, Malcolm Judge, Phoenix Comics, Tracey Corderoy and Steven Lenton.

2017 - celebrated World Book Day weekend in style at the National Trust Children's Book Festival in the Lake District. Over 800 people joined in the fun-filled [weekend](#).

Year 1 at Wray Castle

In March 2016, 8 WCF students (4 x 2nd and 4 x 3rd years), plus one lecturer, ventured south to the shores of Lake Windermere to volunteer for the National Trust at Wray Castle in the Lake District.

Students were given free accommodation, and travel costs were reimbursed... also got a free orange hoody & met Peter Rabbit!



Year 2 at Wray Castle

In March 2017, 6 WCF students (2 x 3rd years and 4 x 1st years), we again ventured south to Wray Castle for the second National Children's Book Festival.

This time, two of the students from year 1 were given a leadership role, and got to meet Pip & Posy!



Why we got involved...

Dolly & Evie

- To enhance C.V.
- To be part of a great organisation and event.
- For a better experience in a new location.
- To work with a great team and help both children and parents to have a great day.

Louise & Shannan

- Great chance to work with other students and members of public.
- New skills for C.V.
- Whole weekend was spent laughing, enjoying ourselves – got to be hands-on with children & families, instead of just learning about them.
- Learned so much from the experience.



What Next?

For Tracy

- Continue to volunteer with NT and seek out opportunities involve students
- New community engagement project this summer, 'smelly' artist in residence

For WCF students

- volunteers from last year have graduated, some moved on to PGCE
- Volunteers from this year, some moving on to year 2, two graduate this summer.
- Louise: *"I hope to do more volunteering with other professional such as the youth offending team."*

For WCF course – opportunities to be promoted, linked to Career Ahead

For National Trust – keen to further develop links with WCF

