



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Expedition Media Production

Why do we need you?

At WWT we believe the best way for people to understand and connect to wetlands is to experience them, so we bring awe-inspiring nature up close and let it do the talking. People feel part of something amazing and are motivated to make a difference.

In 2016 WWT will undertake a major, record-breaking expedition that has never been done before – a paramotorist will follow the migration route of the Bewick's Swans, from Arctic Russia to the UK. It involves extreme adventure in challenging conditions, and is an integral part of a major, multinational conservation programme to save this species. The expedition will be supported by a team at HQ and particularly a ground crew and supporting pilots. We are looking to recruit a volunteer to join the expedition and help capture photographs and videos for use through all types of media ranging from broadcast film to social media.

Who will be responsible for your role? Head of Media

Where will you be based? Planning stages will be based at WWT Slimbridge, training at various locations and expedition will be 3 months from mid-August 2016.

How much time will it take? In addition to the 3 month expedition starting in August 2016 there will be regular planning meetings and training dates in preparation which will commence late February 2016.

What will you be doing?

- Filming and photography for the expedition for all uses – broadcast film uses to social media shorts and images
- Managing/ charging/ fixing equipment
- File handling
- Editing clips, short videos
- Liaising with HQ media team to ensure we are getting the right footage
- Filming anything from interview pieces with expedition pilots, to people we meet along the way, planned events and special moments etc
- Using of all kinds of camera equipment from 360 camera rigs to quadcopter to long lens SLR
- Filming as often as possible during the expedition preparation in 2016
- Setting up live broadcasts from the ground vehicles
- All other tasks involved with being in the ground crew, from navigation and driving to pitching tents and preparing food, and communicating with border guards.

Who are we looking for?

For this role it is essential that you have demonstrable skills and experience in;

- Photography and videography
- Editing in FCP
- Putting together short, engaging videos with high online engagement
- Organisation and technical knowledge
- Problem solving and using initiative
- Keeping calm in adverse conditions and under pressure
- Being a team player who will muck in to fill in any gaps in the team
- Spotting a great story, and the ability to tell it in an inspiring way to any audience
- Getting the best from people on camera

It would also be beneficial if you have;

- Demonstrable experience of producing content with very short turnarounds
- Experience of content Marketing
- Skills in any of the languages spoken along the flyway

How will you benefit?

- All expenses paid trip to some of the most remote places on the planet
- Chance to be part of a ground breaking expedition contributing to the conservation of a species
- Option for free accommodation at Slimbridge for a volunteer giving considerable time to media production around this project, during the preparation from January 2016.

General notes:

All footage and photos are copyright of the expedition (credit given where possible and practical).

If required, training can be provided for radio communication, camera skills and team protocols and procedures.

We regret that we are not in a position to reimburse expenses incurred for travel to the site. Any pre-agreed out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the course of the role will be reimbursed, that will include expedition expenses and those for pre-trip training sessions related to this role.

This position is entirely voluntary and is therefore unpaid. Any offer of a volunteer placement is not intended to create a legally binding contract between us and any agreement may be cancelled at any time at the discretion of either party. Neither of us intends any employment relationship to be created either now or at any time in the future.

How to Apply:

Please go to www.wwt.org.uk/FOTS/volunteer to see details of this role and the application form.

Completed applications and a copy of your CV should be returned by email to volunteer.hq@wwt.org.uk or posted to VDO, WWT Slimbridge, Slimbridge, Glos. GL2 7BT.

Please email volunteer.hq@wwt.org.uk if you have any problems with completing the application form.

Closing Date:

Please submit all completed application forms and CVs by **Monday 18th January 2016**. Successful applicants will be contacted to arrange interviews that will be held on the week commencing 1st February 2016.

Date raised: November 2015 SH/SD