



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Expedition Filming / Photography

Why do we need you?

At WWT we use resources creatively to maximum effect, working against the odds. With our adventurous nature comes a deep sense of fun: we are spirited heroes and we think outside the pond. In Autumn 2016, we demonstrate this in a new and innovative way. WWT is planning a world first expedition, to follow the flight of the migrating Bewick's swan, from Russia, through Europe, to the UK. This will be done by a woman in a paramotor.

The pilot will be tagged, and so will a handful of swans, so all can be tracked online. The expedition aims to find new information about why the swans are declining, and will share that story with the world, and people that can make a difference.

Many charities and researchers from different countries are involved in this project, including UN body RAMSAR, but we need the help of skilled videographers and photographers, in all the countries, to help us bring the project to life.

Please see map for the proposed route. The grey arrow covers all areas where we need volunteers and are in the following countries;

- Russia
- Finland
- Estonia
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Poland
- Germany
- Denmark
- The Netherlands
- Belgium
- France
- UK



Who will be responsible for your role? Senior Content Creator

Where will you be based? Home based – to visit various sites

How much time will it take?

From March until November 2016 - We're looking for a minimum of a few hours throughout this period to cover both the preparation and the expedition. However the more time you are able to give the more opportunity you will have to capture the shots and footage we require. Details of the footage and shots we require will be emailed to volunteers in the area in advance for them to indicate if they are available to assist.

What will you be doing?

- Filming or photography during the expedition in your country or region - from broadcast, social media to print purposes. We would match your expertise with the right equipment - from standard camerawork with a simple setup to 360 camera rigs, drones and specialist long lens filming or photography.
- Capturing a variety photos and footage from a range of topics that may include anything from last minute Bewick's swan sightings and behaviours to interviews with expedition pilots, as well as planned events and special moments
- Editing clips and short videos, as well as file handling.
- Liaising with the senior content creator to receive direction on the specifics required on a day to day basis when required.
- Assisting with setting up live broadcasts from the ground vehicles.
- Attending conservational and educational events on the flyway in your country.

You would not be obliged to respond to all requests. However we would ask for you to confirm your available dates and times in advance.

Who are we looking for?

For this role it is essential that you have demonstrable skills and experience in at least one of the below areas;

- Videography
- Photography
- Editing (Avid, FCP or Premiere)

It would also be desirable if you have;

- Expertise and/or knowledge of local Wildlife.
- Demonstrable experience of content production and marketing.
- Experience identifying a great story, and the ability to tell it in an inspiring way to any audience.
- Skills as an interviewer and can show you are a great team player.
- Skills in any of the languages spoken along the flyway.
- Excellent organisational and communicational skills.
- Demonstrable experience of working well under pressure.
- Experience using either a PC and/or Mac.
- Patience - A willingness to spend time waiting for the right filming opportunity.
- Access to the appropriate equipment, ideally with long lenses for wildlife filming/photography or drones for aerial shots. We are looking for high quality, professional level content.

How will you benefit?

- This is an excellent opportunity to work within internationally important wetland sites in your country and be involved in a groundbreaking Europe-wide expedition. You would be making a very valuable contribution.
- We will credit you for any of your work we use in WWT's content regarding this expedition.
- You will receive the project t-shirt.
- Reimbursement of travel expenses will be given where volunteers are asked to cover events along the flyway.

How to apply;

If you think that this role sounds right for you, please complete the application form on the website. This can be found at www.wwt.org.uk/FOTS/volunteer

Completed applications, copy of your CV and some examples of your work 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.

General notes:

This position may require work during evenings, weekends and public holidays to ensure the objectives of the project are met. Requests will be sent to you via email on an as needed basis.

In order for you – and us – to reap the most benefit from this role, we would hope that you could offer a commitment throughout this year, up until the end of the expedition in November.

Please note that WWT retains copyright of any material that you send to us.

A current driving licence is likely to be essential for accessing wetland and interview sites. Local travel expenses will not be reimbursed however where a request requires travel outside of the local area or attendance at one of the expedition events travel expenses will be reimbursed with prior agreement.

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.

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