



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Learning Support

Why do we need you?

Our learning support volunteers help us welcome around 8000 young people, from early years to university age, on formal learning visits to Slimbridge Wetland Centre.

At WWT we believe that 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. At Slimbridge Wetland Centre visitors can explore unique wetland habitats and the amazing array of birds, mammals and amphibians that inhabit them. Our volunteers help to welcome and inspire visitors, and look after our unique habitats and heritage.

Who will be responsible for your role? Learning Manager

Where will you be based? WWT Slimbridge Wetland Centre

How much time will it take? School, college and university visits take place on weekdays, usually between 9.30am – mid-afternoon.

What will you be doing?

- Assisting in meeting and greeting schools or groups on arrival at the centre.
- Supporting staff in delivering formal learning programmes, e.g. help with pond dipping, feeding the birds and supervising curriculum linked, engaging activities within sessions.
- Engaging with pupils, students and supervising adults during their self-guiding time as they explore the visitor centre, collection and reserve.
- Assisting with the creation of new props and maintaining learning equipment.

Who are we looking for?

This role will suit you if you:

- Have good communication skills and an outgoing personality
- Are willing to talk to visitors of all ages both on a one-to-one level and to larger groups
- Have an interest in education related activities and the natural environment
- Demonstrate excellent customer service skills
- Are looking to gain experience of environmental education

How will you benefit?

- Volunteer in an inspiring environment and get closer to nature
- Great way to learn new skills
- Make a real contribution to the conservation work of WWT
- Free entry to all WWT wetland centres throughout the UK on presentation of your WWT name badge
- Discount in WWT shops and cafes
- WWT uniform provided
- Induction and training provided
- Become part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Meet like-minded people

General notes:

Getting to the Centre: Road: Slimbridge Wetland Centre is 2 miles off the A38. There is a large car park with ample car parking spaces and there is a bike rack available for staff volunteers. Rail: Cam & Dursley rail station is a 3.5 mile cycle or taxi ride away. Bus: Unfortunately there is no bus service directly to Slimbridge: the nearest services stop is at the A38, 2 miles walk from the Centre. New for 2019: we are trialling a free minibus service for volunteers to/from the nearest train station and bus stops. Please ask your line manager if you would like to access this service.

We regret that we are not in a position to reimburse expenses incurred in travelling to and from the centre, but any pre-agreed expenses incurred in the course of your duties will be reimbursed.

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:

Full details of this role and an online application form can be found at www.wwt.org.uk/volunteer . If you have any problems locating the information or filling out the application form please email volunteer.slimbridge@wwt.org.uk

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