



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Education - Learning Support Volunteer

Why do we need you?

At WWT, we believe the best way for children and adults to understand and connect to wetlands is to experience them, so we bring awe-inspiring nature up close. School children and teachers should feel part of something amazing and be motivated to make a difference.

As a Learning Support Volunteer, you will support the Learning team in organising and running the delivery of our learning programmes throughout the year.

Who will be responsible for your role?

Learning Manager

Where will you be based?

WWT Castle Espie

How much time will it take?

To be agreed. We are looking to develop a rota system whereby we have cover during school visits during term time and for further cover during holiday periods.

What will you be doing?

- Helping to run logistical and practical elements of schools visitation to include:
- Welcoming school groups as they de-bus.
- Showing school groups to their designated rooms.
- Giving a brief welcome and introduction to WWT Castle Espie.
- Liaising between the school and Learning staff prior to delivery of the visit schedule.
- Showing teaching staff the whereabouts of our facilities i.e. toilets, coffee shop, first aid room etc.
- Organising equipment for various activities and re-setting or tidying these items after use.
- Assisting, where applicable, a Learning member of staff in the delivery of a set programme.
- Accompanying school groups as they leave the premises.
- Assisting with the cleaning and setting up of lunch and break areas.
- Preparing materials for use by the learning team.
- Reporting any incidents relating to health and safety to the line manager.

Who are we looking for?

To carry out this role effectively, you will need:

- Good communication skills and an outgoing personality.
- A willingness and ability to talk to teachers and all age groups of school children.
- The ability to deliver aspects of a learning programme and to relay key information to teachers and pupils.
- An interest in learning related activities.
- An interest in and enthusiasm for the work of WWT and the natural world.
- To be a good listener, with the ability to adapt your approach to suit your audience.
- The ability to work on your own initiative under the direction of the Learning Manager and their staff.

How will you benefit?

- This is an excellent opportunity to work within an internationally important wetland site.
- You will gain professional experience of a variety of outdoor learning environmental programmes and activities.
- Suitable uniform is provided to all regular volunteers.
- Discount is available in the cafe and shop on the days of volunteering.
- Training opportunities will be provided.

General notes:

This position will require work during term time weekdays, public holidays, and occasional weekends, to ensure the objectives of the Learning Department are met. The exact hours you are able to contribute will be discussed prior to placement.

A current driving licence is essential for access to the centre and to outreach events. We regret that we are not in a position to reimburse expenses incurred for travel to the site.

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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