

Volunteer Role Description: Education Volunteer



Where: Opportunities across the River Eden catchment (Eden District and Carlisle)

Commitment: Variable, but minimum one day per month. Our work with schools runs throughout the year.

You can choose to volunteer with primary and / or secondary schools near where you live, or travel throughout the Eden – it's up to you.

Duration: Ongoing

Why we want you: We deliver a variety of river-focused learning programmes with both primary and secondary schools across the catchment. These range from one-day programmes to longer-term projects that engage children and their local communities in one of our conservation projects.

We're a small, busy team, so are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us as we prepare for and deliver our hands-on classroom and river-based programmes – and have some fun at the same time!

You could come along as an 'extra pair of hands', or, depending on your interests and skills, take a degree of responsibility for supervising small groups in their activities.

You may help to support the following types of activities:

- river dipping,
- tree planting,
- creative arts projects,
- litter picking,
- in-class investigations,
- habitat improvements.

What's in it for you: You'll get the chance to increase your knowledge about the work we do; and get the chance to share your passion for Eden's rivers and their wildlife with children.

If you're planning a career in education, then this would also be excellent experience for your CV.

Requirements:

You'll be friendly and enjoy talking to and working with people – in particular children and / or young people - both indoors and out in the field. Previous experience of working with school groups is not essential, but a desire to definitely is.

An interest in the countryside, nature conservation and rivers is essential. You don't need much knowledge but will be willing to learn about the Trust and the work we do.

You will enjoy working as part of a team, as you be supporting Eden Rivers Trust's Learning Coordinator.

A reasonable level of fitness is required, as you will be on your feet for a while (both in-class and by the river), and you will be helping to carry and set-up equipment.

You'll be reliable and punctual.

You'll have an awareness of, or willingness to learn about Safeguarding - i.e. keeping children and young people safe from harm.

You will have, or be prepared to undergo, an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Notes:

Own transport would be an advantage, but not essential. Reasonable 'out of pocket' travel expenses are available.

or more information:

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