

# **Volunteer Role Description 2019**

Role title:

Wildlife Trainee: Education (Maidenhead)

Based at location (please indicate if disabled access is available):

Woolley Firs Environmental Education Centre, SL6 3LJ

# Purpose of the role:

To assist the Berks Education team with the delivery of education programmes

## **Key areas of involvement:**

- Assisting with, and potentially leading, school parties, Nature Tots and other groups visiting the site
- Supporting the development and delivery of educational events for families, specialist groups and the general public (on and off site)
- Assisting with our outreach programme (i.e. visits to schools)
- Assisting with maintenance and development of educational resources and facilities
- Day to day operation of education sessions, including the setting up and packing down of educational resources.
- Carrying out general administrative tasks that support the work of the education team
- Ensuring that all health and safety obligations are met in all aspects of the role
- Promoting a culture of membership recruitment within the team
- Undertaking any other duties as delegated by the line manager, Head of Department or Chief Executive

# **Experience & / or qualifications needed:**

#### Essential:

- Desire to work in environmental education
- Desire to work with children
- Good communication skills
- Good organisational skills
- Ability to deal with the general public, Trust members and volunteers in a friendly and professional manner in a variety of situations
- Enthusiasm for developing the skills and standards required to carry out environmental education, family events and activities
- Ability to engage with a range of people from different age groups and backgrounds
- Willingness to be flexible and resourceful
- Willingness to engage in basic duties needed for running a centre
- A good general knowledge of wildlife and habitats

#### Desirable:

- Relevant education and/or experience working/volunteering with children and young people
- A good understanding of Health & Safety requirements and welfare issues of working with children
- Current UK-valid driving licence

# Times/days we would like you to be available:

- A commitment to 3 days a week for 6 12 months is required, starting (ideally) in March.
- Hours: usually 8am 4pm (with some flexibility given and required).

## Benefits to volunteer & possible training opportunities:

- This busy, hands-on Traineeship provides an ideal starting point towards a paid job in the environmental education sector
- This post offers a great opportunity for you to develop your skills in the environmental education field and build experience in informing and inspiring children in an outdoor setting
- A range of courses (including accredited) are offered through BBOWT's Training Programme
- First Aid training can be arranged

# You will be responsible to:

County Education Manager

# Expenses payable:

Limited travel expenses are available.