

Volunteer Role Profile

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Youth Group Assistant Leader

Volunteer Manager

Education, Family and Youth Team

Where you will be based

Community

Why we want you

At the RSPB we are passionate about young people and about nature. Our youth groups have the potential to play a really important role in local communities, offering young people regular opportunities to get to know the wild places close to them and to be supported by enthusiastic adult volunteers. Our youth groups are fun and sociable, keeping young people engaged and interested whilst enabling them to discover and learn new things that will ultimately empower them to help save nature.

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to be an inspiring assistant leader, working as part of the group leadership team lead by the main group leader and alongside a team of assistant and junior leaders to run activities that encourage young people to explore and develop a passion for nature.

What you will be doing

- Helping to design, plan and deliver a programme of monthly outdoor activities and meetings that give young people opportunities to connect with and take and for nature through site visits, practical conservation tasks and outdoor learning.
- Alongside the group leadership team take on responsibilities for planning and delivering the meeting successfully such as promoting the group, undertaking risk assessments, maintaining first aid and safeguarding standards, keeping records or group finances or communicating with young members or parents.
- Sharing feedback and ideas with the group leadership team to evaluate the success of group meetings and help implement improvements as required.
- Leaders usually spend four to six hours per month for meetings and preparation depending on how the responsibilities are shared within the group leaders and what activities are planned. We expect you to be able to make at least six meetings a year.

The skills you need

- The ability to communicate well with young people and their families.
- You need to enjoy working with young people and have a passion for nature. You don't need to be an expert as you will learn a lot as you go along.

- Ideas, commitment and passion to help create and run engaging sessions.
- A willingness to learn and to undertake training as needed for the role.
- Ability to be an excellent representative of the RSPB within the local community.
- Ability to work well as part of a team.
- Basic computer skills such as email and Microsoft Office.

What's in it for you

- This role offers an exciting opportunity to make use of your skills and experiences, as well as your passion for nature, whilst ensuring the Youth Group flourishes.
- You will also be able to meet the RSPB's aim to put young people at the heart of our mission to save nature. You will help to connect them to nature and create the leaders of the future.
- Not only this, but you will have opportunity to further develop your own skills and experiences, for example, leadership, teamwork and organisation skills. You will also have access to the RSPB suite of training packages to support your personal development and we will be available to support you along the way.
- You will be part of the wider RSPB youth group network and will have the opportunity to meet with and link up with youth group volunteers across the UK as well as support from local contacts such as a reserve, local adult group or regional youth group volunteer.
- An induction and relevant training will be provided, and will be able to offer you ongoing support to further develop the skills you need for this role.
- Why not get in touch and see how you would fit in the role?

Disclaimer

Not suitable for under 18's

Mandatory Training: Safeguarding Level 1

In line with our Safeguarding Policy, all applications for this role are subject to an appropriate disclosure check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (England and Wales), AccessNI in Northern Ireland or a Protected Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG) registration in Scotland. Successful applicants will also be expected to register with the Update Service where appropriate.

References on your suitability for this role will also be taken up.

The RSPB will reimburse you for out of pocket expenses travel expenses, we will provide the equipment, training and any uniform needed for you to complete the role.

We're now the largest nature conservation charity in the country, consistently delivering successful conservation, forging powerful new partnerships with other organisations and inspiring others to stand up and give nature the home it deserves. We rely on the support and generosity of our volunteers to make a difference.

Our work stretches far beyond the UK. Wherever wildlife is in threat, we'll work with partners across the globe to help save it and give it a home.