

Volunteer Role Profile

Volunteer Role	RSPB Volunteering Placement
Volunteer Manager	RSPB Team
Where you will be based	Other

Why we want you

Our RSPB Volunteering Placements cover a wide variety of RSPB work and specialisms. From practical conservation, to communications, to advocacy and ecology, we are seeking individuals who are just starting out, or changing to a new career in conservation.

We have created these volunteer placement opportunities so we can help people gain the skills they need and give them experience of the environmental charity sector.

In this role, you will undertake various tasks as part of a team supporting the operations of the RSPB. These tasks can encompass roles within different departments, such as communications, fundraising, education, ecology, habitat management and volunteering development. The specific activities will vary based on the team's requirements, but may include research, surveying, habitat management, stakeholder communication, project participation, meeting follow-ups, volunteer support, administration, or responding to enquiries.

During your volunteer placement you will be volunteering for up to 3 days a week. This could be for anything from one month, to a year, depending on the volunteer placement role you have. We will work with you to arrange the placement at a time that is convenient to both you and the RSPB. You will have a say in your own development, and we will do our best to accommodate if there are any specific areas you would like to work in.

The RSPB is 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. We will help you gain skills and give you an invaluable insight into our essential work.

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

We are committed to developing an inclusive and diverse RSPB, in which everyone feels supported, valued, and able to be their full selves. Please do contact us to discuss any additional support you may need to complete your application.

What you will be doing

- It will entirely depend on the specific volunteer placement, but generally your work will involve a variety of tasks. Volunteer placements are designed to support specific reserves or projects or functional teams. Some have a practical focus which involve surveying and practical conservation and maintenance; some are focused on people engagement and advocating for nature conservation; others revolve around communication and creativity. Whatever it is, you will have the opportunity to take on multiple pieces of work in order to give you a broad range of experience and opportunities to learn.

The skills you need

- The aim of our volunteer placements is to help build skills and to help people gain the experience necessary to help take steps towards a career, primarily in conservation. We are looking for individuals who are interested in saving nature and with the energy to learn. We are not looking for experts in conservation, or even people with lots of experience, if you are new to the sector, changing careers or looking for a new challenge, this could be for you.
- Some desirable skills include:
 - Basic IT skills
 - Experience spending time outdoors in nature
 - Good communication skills
 - Planning and organisational skills

What's in it for you

- An RSPB volunteer placement presents a wonderful chance to apply your current skills, acquire new ones, enhance your transferrable skills, and hone your existing expertise.
- Undertaking a placement will connect you with a network of industry professionals, mentors and peers who can provide valuable guidance and support.
- You will gain in-depth knowledge of the workings of the RSPB and valuable experience in the realm of environmental conservation.
- You will have a say in your own development. You can work with your line manager to develop the skills you need.
- Your significant support to the RSPB will bring you satisfaction through

genuine contributions to nature conservation.

Disclaimer

Protecting habitats, saving species and helping to end the nature and climate emergency. Nature is in crisis. Together we can save it.

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