Volunteer Role Profile

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

Why we want you

Our student placements cover a wide variety of RSPB work and specialisms, from conservation and communications to advocacy and ecology. If you are a student in higher or further education, we can offer you a placement that matches your interests and learning needs.

You could be helping out in any team, project or department across the organisation such as communications, fundraising, education, ecology, habitat management, or volunteering development. The specific tasks you'll undertake will vary depending on which team you join. Placements are available during your academic year or during a gap year and can be of the commitment level needed to meet your course requirements. We will work with you to arrange the placement at a time that is convenient to both you and the RSPB.

Volunteering at the RSPB is open to all. We are committed to developing an inclusive RSPB and removing barriers to volunteering. We will try our best to accommodate any requirements you may have, and we will cover all training, equipment and expenses. Please get in touch if you have any questions or need any additional support to complete your application.

The RSPB is the UK's largest nature conservation charity, delivering successful conservation projects, forging powerful partnerships, inspiring individuals and campaigning for change. Join our amazing volunteer team and make a real difference to nature.

What you will be doing

- The tasks you undertake will vary depending on which team you join, but may include the following:
- Participating in meetings
- Communicating with stakeholders and engaging audiences, both in writing and face-to-face
- Responding to enquiries
- Documenting your work

The skills you need

- The aim of our student placements is to help you gain knowledge and experience, so we don't expect you to have any specialist skills

- Enthusiasm about nature and conservation
- A desire to learn
- Confident using computers (including Microsoft packages and Outlook)
- Good written communication skills
- Be reliable and committed
- The ability to work as part of a team, and independently once trained

What's in it for you

- This is a wonderful opportunity to learn new skills, and gain knowledge and experience of the conservation sector. You will gain insight into the relevance of your studies to a professional career.
- You will make connections with a network of industry professionals, mentors and peers who can provide valuable guidance and support.
- By supporting our operations, you will be making a genuine contribution to nature conservation.
- Volunteering with the RSPB is good for nature, but did you know that it’s good for you too? 87% of RSPB volunteers agree that volunteering with the RSPB improves their wellbeing, and 82% agree it improves their mental health.
- We are a friendly and supportive team. You will have the chance to meet new people with similar interests and make new friends. For home-based volunteers, you can chat to other volunteers on our online volunteering platform, and you have the chance to attend virtual and in person get-togethers where possible.
- The RSPB will reimburse you for out-of-pocket expenses, including travel.
- We will provide any equipment and training needed for you to undertake the role. We also have an online learning library, with a range of courses on conservation, health and safety, and soft skills.

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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