

A photograph showing an elderly woman with white hair and glasses, wearing a yellow high-visibility vest over a purple top, leaning over to help a young girl with a red headband. They are both focused on a small object in their hands, possibly a craft or a small plant. Other people are visible in the background, suggesting an outdoor activity or workshop.

Education Support Volunteer

Earth Explorers

Role introduction

Earth Explorers is our informal learning and nature inspired wellbeing programme that aims to help people, especially youngsters, connect with the natural world.

The workshops and sessions make full use of our woodland, meadows, farmland, wetland and heritage sites, to help people connect with nature and the world around us.

They are run by an Earth Trust staff member, with the help of our team of Education Support volunteers. This is a really rewarding role where you can match your love of engaging with people with your love of the outdoors.

Volunteer role: Education Support: Earth Explorers

Time required: Full or half day opportunities, usually in school holiday time

Locations: Various green spaces cared for by Earth Trust

What does the role involve?

Our Earth Explorers education volunteers assist the Earth Trust staff member and engage with families, carers and children. Activities can include:

- Setting up before sessions and packing away after
- Supporting staff through the day, ensure adults and children feel looked after
- Assisting staff and supporting and engaging visitors in the hands on activities

What skills and experience do you need?

Most of our volunteer roles do not require in-depth previous experience as we provide training and support, but the following skills and attributes would make you particularly suited for this role:

- Experience of working with young people/children would be ideal
- A love of nature and the outdoors, and a willingness to turn your hand to any task
- Patience and a sense of humour
- Some physical fitness is required for lifting and carrying tools and materials

What support will you receive?

All volunteers receive our Volunteer Handbook, and you will be invited to Learning & Development events throughout the year. In addition, you will be working with our Education team and have a dedicated staff member to support you and offer role specific training.

You will always be with the Earth Trust member of staff leading the group.

What you will gain

This is a rewarding role where you will experience how informal learning outdoors can help to build people's personal confidence, knowledge of the natural world and inspire young people to become champions for green spaces.

Get in touch

For further information, or if you'd like to arrange an informal chat about the role, please contact our Volunteer Manager, Nicola Frost.

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