

Earth School Volunteer

What does the role involve?

The Education team offers the opportunity for young people to take their classroom-based learning and come to understand its importance in a real-world setting. Our curriculum linked Earth School workshops have been developed with teachers in mind, with a focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), the Arts and human history for Key Stages 1-4.

Every workshop is designed to make full use of our woodland, meadows, farmland, rivers and wetlands, and heritage sites. They are run by an Earth Trust staff member, working with the teachers / support workers.

Our Education Support volunteers assist the education team to deliver Earth School sessions to a mainstream primary audience. This is a rewarding role where you can match your love of people with your love of the outdoors.

Time required: Full day sessions, occasional or regular 9.30am-2.30pm

Tasks:

- Supporting staff throughout the day, ensure school staff and children feel looked after
- Setting up before sessions and packing away after
- Assist staff to run hands on activities in the afternoon

Location: Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ

What skills and experience do you need?

We thrive on your enthusiasm for Earth Trust's work and mission!

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

- Experience of working with young people/children advantageous
- A love of the outdoors
- Willing to turn your hand to any task
- Patience and a sense of humour
- Some physical fitness is required

What you will gain

This is a rewarding role where you will gain experience of working with children in an outdoor environment away from the standard classroom environment. Learn about how the outdoors and associated practical, hands-on skills can help to build personal confidence and knowledge of the world around us. Build relationships with different members of the team and the students that attend.

What support you will receive?

All volunteers receive our Volunteer Handbook & Safety Guide and are invited to Insight sessions, exclusive events for our volunteers as well as learning and development events across the year.

You will be supported by Earth Trust's education team and have a dedicated staff member to support you and offer role specific training. Your induction will include.....

Our community

Being part of our community means connecting with like-minded people, learning new skills while sharing your own, spending time outdoors, and deepening your appreciation for the natural world.

Our fantastic team of staff and volunteers is passionate about the environment and dedicated to supporting Earth Trust — and their enthusiasm is truly infectious!

As a volunteer, you'll receive a weekly bulletin to keep you informed about new opportunities, news, and events. We also take time to celebrate your contributions, with an annual volunteer social and smaller get-togethers throughout the year.

Get in touch

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

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