

A photograph showing a group of children in a classroom or activity room. They are sitting on the floor, some with their hands raised, looking towards the front of the room. A teacher or adult is visible at the front, also with hands raised. The room is filled with colorful toys and furniture.

Education Volunteer

Earth School, high needs support

What does the role involve?

We are looking for a volunteer to support our learners with high needs. That includes working with children and young people with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) support needs.

Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties (SEMH) are a type of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Children and young people with SEMH have severe difficulties in managing their emotions and behaviour. They often show inappropriate responses and feelings to situations.

In this role you will assist an Earth Trust member of staff during outdoor learning sessions, helping to build trusting relationships with the young people.

Time required:	Morning (10am to noon) or afternoon (1pm to 3pm)
Frequency:	Regular, weekly session
Tasks:	Help to set up session materials and clear away at the end Work with the young people to complete learning activities
Location:	Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ

What skills and experience do you need?

Most of our volunteer roles do not require in-depth previous experience as we provide training & support, however this role is a little different. If you have career experience in social work or mental health services with young people, or perhaps you have worked as a teaching assistant with high needs children, we need you!

- Experience of working with children and young people with high needs
- A love of the outdoors
- Willing to turn your hand to any task
- Patience and a sense of humour
- For some sessions physical fitness is required

What support you will receive?

You will be supported by our Education team and have a dedicated staff member to guide you and provide role specific training. Sessions are run by an Earth Trust staff member, supported by teachers and teaching support from the schools/providers attending.

You will always be with the Earth Trust member of staff. You will not be expected to lead or plan sessions or be left on your own with an individual or group.

This is a rewarding role where you can match your love of people with your love of the outdoors.

About Earth Trust Education

Every week the Earth Trust Education team engages with schools, alternative education providers and charities to offer real world education experiences to children and young people.

We work with many children and young people who find the traditional academic environment challenging and benefit from all of the advantages that outdoor learning can offer. Students become interested and engaged with subjects that have been totally inaccessible to them in the classroom, taking their learning to a new level. But many of the greatest benefits come from building confidence and resilience in the young people.

Get in touch

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

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