
The background of the slide is a photograph of numerous autumn leaves in various shades of orange, red, and brown, scattered across a dark, textured surface. The leaves are in sharp focus in the foreground, while the background is blurred.

Volunteer role
Earth Skills Volunteer



We hugely value and appreciate the time that our volunteers donate to us, no matter how big or small.

As a charity, Earth Trust depends on the generosity of our supporters to carry out our vital work to champion accessible natural green spaces.

Volunteers are part of the family and are invaluable to us at Earth Trust.

In fact, we simply would not be able to get by without you!

Become an Earth Skills education volunteer

The Education team currently works with individuals who find the traditional academic environment challenging and benefit from all of the advantages that outdoor learning can offer. Students gain a vast range of skills, but also a wealth of experience and confidence which filters through to the rest of their school and personal lives, and can push them on to achieve more in further education.

The sessions are run by an Earth Trust staff member and supported by teachers / support workers. This is a rewarding role where you can match your love of people with your love of the outdoors. Some of the people who attend have profound special education needs and visiting Earth Trust is the highlight of their week.

What does the role involve?

Our Earth Skills education volunteers assist the Earth Trust member of staff and commit to helping on a regular, weekly basis to give continuity to the young people. Activities include:

- Supporting a member of Earth Trust staff
- Setting up before session and packing away after session.
- Supporting young people to complete the session focused activity.

Time required

Half day sessions in morning or afternoon - approximately

09.45am-12.15pm
or 12.45pm-3.15pm

Where

Earth Trust Centre



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 advantageous
- Experience of working with young people with disabilities (including autism) advantageous
- A love of the outdoors
- Willing to turn your hand to any task
- Patience & a sense of humour
- For some sessions 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 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 supported by our Education team and have a dedicated staff member to support and offer role specific training. You will always be with the Earth Trust member of staff leading the group. You will not be expected to lead or plan sessions or be left on your own with an individual or group.

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Volunteering has helped to keep me connected with the outside world and to give my days a structure and purpose

It has helped me learn new skills and make new friends as well.



Together we can nurture and connect people to important green spaces

Our volunteers each have their own reasons for volunteering, but there are a myriad of benefits shared by all.



Whether it's gaining experience or putting an old skill into practice, meeting new people or doing something for the local community, there are loads of motivations for becoming an Earth Trust volunteer



Our volunteers come from all walks of life.

Earth Trust strives to be a diverse and inclusive place where we can all be ourselves and we are committed to equality of opportunity for all our staff and volunteers.

Would you like to join us?

For further information, or if you'd like to arrange an informal chat about the role, please contact Nicola Williams, Volunteer Officer Tel: 01865 407792 Email: volunteering@earthtrust.org.uk

People at the heart of change of change

Earth Trust is a friendly, positive and collaborative place. You will be joining a dedicated team of volunteers who are passionate about making a difference to climate sustainability, biodiversity, environmental impacts and health and wellbeing through engaging more people and making a positive impact.

Our volunteers' hard work and dedication was rewarded with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service the MBE for volunteer groups, in 2016.

Your impact

Volunteers are integral at Earth Trust, assisting with all aspects of our work, from looking after our green spaces to helping people engage with the natural environment through events and education.

As a new volunteer you bring a fresh perspective and energy that is vital to us. We want to hear your thoughts and ideas on any aspect of our work!

The work that Earth Trust undertakes, caring for this incredible landscape and using it to educate and connect, is so important and I'm very fortunate to be working towards our mission with a really brilliant team of people!

Laura King, Development Manager



Earth Trust has a team of approximately 200 active volunteers working across all aspects of the charity.

Find out more at earthtrust.org.uk/support-us/volunteer



I really enjoy the variety of people that I get to come in to contact with on a daily basis. People from all walks of life coming together for one common goal.

Nicola Williams, Volunteer Officer

Working with nature has really contributed to my mental well-being

Matthew, Volunteer



I like the idea that my working day can make a small contribution to the future of the planet. It is great to work with people who don't just hope we can do it but who are doing what they can to make it happen."

Kitty Cox, Major Appeals Manager

I have got to know many volunteers and it is nice to hear about their backgrounds. I know many of the staff and...they have a wide range of knowledge which they will always willingly share with myself and other volunteers. I always look forward to visiting Earth Trust...Basically it's a family.

Michael, Volunteer





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We seek a world where nature and people thrive in balance and where, as individuals, we all have a deep understanding of our environment, our place in it and our role in caring for it.

Jayne Manley, CEO

Our purpose

We are facing a triple threat of climate change, loss of biodiversity, and a massive public health crises, made worse for those in disadvantaged communities who have little or no access to nature.

Our purpose is to inspire people to address these crises through the power of natural green spaces.

Our vision

Our vision is a society where accessible, engaging green spaces enable nature and people to thrive in balance.

Our mission

Our mission is to champion access and engagement with natural green spaces for everyone, so that together we take action for people and planet



Earth Trust has been working towards this for 40 years, but it has never been more critical than now.

Demonstrate. Influence. Engage



More about Earth Trust

Earth Trust is an environmental charity with 40 years' experience in inspiring others with natural green spaces. We believe that we all have a responsibility to care for nature and understand our role within our ecosystem.

But, for people to understand their environment, their place in it and their role in caring for it, they must have the opportunity to experience its power and nurture a deep connection.

Together with our supporters, Earth Trust is guardian of some extremely special and inspiring places full of nature and heritage.

We care for 500 hectares of woodland, farmland, wildflower meadows and wetlands, which receive 200,000 visits a year.

We use these amazing places to engage and inspire people and to demonstrate nature-based solutions to climate, biodiversity and public health crises, that we hope others will take and use elsewhere.

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