

A photograph showing a group of children in a classroom or activity room. They are sitting on the floor, and many have their hands raised, indicating they are participating in an activity or lesson. A teacher or adult is visible in the background, interacting with the children.

## Education Assistant volunteer

### What does the role involve?

At Earth Trust, our education team transforms the green spaces surrounding Earth School into outdoor classrooms to help bridge the gap between theory and practise, teaching schoolchildren to explore, discover and connect with the environment! As an educational assistant you could be:

#### Helping to set up equipment

Each session is varied, one day the education team might be using microscopes, the next, water buckets! You will be helping set up whatever equipment is needed for the day's activities.

#### Helping to deliver outdoor learning

Many of our sessions make full use of the surrounding woodland, wetland, grassland and farmlands to help deliver our education sessions. You'll play a part in helping to support the children to learn safely in these spaces.

#### Creating resources

Our education team needs lots of learning resources, from posters to tree samples! During a session, you could be helping to create resources, games and education sessions!

This role is perfect for those of you who looking to gain experience working with children in an educational setting. It is open to anyone aged **16 or older** and can be used to fulfil the volunteering section of the **Gold** DofE award.

**Time required:** Half days or full days (10am-2pm)

**Frequency:** Term time and school holidays

**Tasks:** Setting up activities, assisting in delivering sessions, creating/collecting materials

**Location:** Earth Trust centre, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ

## What skills and experience do you need?

No skills or previous experience is required for any of our young volunteer roles. However the following attributes may be useful:

- A **passion** for education and learning
- An interest in being **outdoors** in nature
- A **friendly** and **welcoming** attitude
- An interest in working with children

## What support you will receive?

Volunteers will never be left alone with children and will always be accompanied by an experienced member of the education team. Young volunteers will attend an induction session run by a member of the education team, during which **role training** and **health & safety** information will be provided. Lanyards and T-shirts will also be handed out during this session.

Our **young person's coordinator** will also be in regular contact if there are any issues or if any additional support is required. A contact email and number for Earth Trust will be provided in the case of an emergency.

## About the team

Our friendly and knowledgeable education team is made up of experienced staff and dedicated volunteers all of whom have extensive experience in delivering practical outdoor-based educational sessions for schools across Oxfordshire.

## 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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