



## Education Volunteer

**Volunteering with:** Groups of children, mainly from mainstream primary, plus some nursery and secondary schools and specialist provision. Groups may attend: forest school sessions; Schools of Sanctuary sessions (exploring community and welcome for children joining school from other countries); and school visits; including activities such as pond dipping, and mini-beast hunting.

### Responsibilities:

Support staff to prepare resources for and set up and pack down for school visits

Work with groups of up to 6 children to undertake activities during sessions

If confident, to lead short activities or games

Safeguarding/health and safety

Encouraging young people to participate with and interact with others

Supporting those with additional needs to participate and integrate

Support children to engage in free play at the end of the session



### Skills and experience needed

Interest in natural world and helping young people to engage with it

Willing to help adapt and support to meet young people's individual needs

Flexibility - activities may need to change in response to needs, behaviour or weather

Reliability - for both staff and the participants, this is important for continuity and trust.

Prepared to work outdoors in most weather

Commitment to facilitating child-led play

Ability to observe professional boundaries and confidentiality in relation to working with children and young people.

We especially welcome those with a skill or area of interest they would like to share, for example arts, music, dance, physical education, forest school style activities, games & team building, ecology and nature identification. But this is not essential.

### Skills development offered

- In-house training when available
- Child Protection online training
- Forest School Level 1 Award: Introduction to Forest School Principles (3 day course)

### Support available

- Reasonable vehicle mileage or public transport costs will be reimbursed
- Personal protective equipment will be supplied when needed
- A full induction to the site and role

### Time commitment

Ideally one session (or more) of 3 hours a week or fortnight (hours can be discussed with flexibility to fit needs, eg childcare, work, travel) for a minimum of 6 months:

There may be some training to complete outside of this time.



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### **Any other relevant information**

You will be required to provide two referees and undergo a DBS check, Scotswood Garden will arrange this and cover all costs.

We're always looking for help with our community events and we may ask if you would be willing to get involved. There's no obligation to do so, but this may be an additional activity for you to join in with.

Scotswood Garden operates comprehensive Safeguarding and Health and Safety policies that all volunteers are required to adhere to.