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Role Description

About the Lancashire Wildlife Trust & Partners

We are part of the Wildlife Trusts movement, the UK's leading conservation charity dedicated to all wildlife. We are your local charity, working hard to improve your local area for wildlife and for you.

The Trust manages over 2,000 acres of some of the region's most precious wild places in the form of 37 nature reserves and 20 Local Nature Reserves. These provide places where wildlife can thrive and people can relax and enjoy the wealth of our natural heritage. Through a mixture of family events, specialist training days, educational visits and volunteering opportunities, this project intends to increase awareness and use of Heysham Nature Reserve and the surrounding area.

EDF Energy and its predecessors have been working in partnership with the Lancashire Wildlife Trust to offer a high quality schools and community based environmental awareness service for over twenty years. In 2013 Heysham Power Station opened a new Visitor Centre where visitors can explore and learn about electricity, and since last year the Trust have been working with Centre staff to explore ways of joining forces to promote the wildlife haven that is owned by EDF Energy and lies just a stone's throw away from the Power Station.

What is a Community Education Volunteer?

Our Community Education Volunteers will help on our 'Connecting to Nature' Project to prepare and deliver events at Heysham Nature Reserve to raise awareness of wildlife on site. Volunteers can help volunteer on events or even help prepare materials and plan activities on future events or help develop educational materials.

What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Satisfaction from seeing people enjoy the events and resources we provide
- Passing on your knowledge to other people
- Learning new skills

What's involved?

- Helping to organise events, take bookings, and monitor and evaluate the project.
- Helping to run public and EDF Energy Visitor Centre events.

- Helping to promote the Wildlife Trust events programme for North Lancashire.
- Working with local schools in the area.
- Helping to develop new educational materials.
- Becoming familiar with and then following the Lancashire Wildlife Trust's Health and Safety Policy at all times.

This role will suit people who

This role could suit almost anyone depending on what they are interested in, you could do one or all of the tasks on one or three days a week, whatever suits you.

- Have experience of working with communities or the environment.
- Natural History knowledge of the local area
- Have a friendly nature
- Enjoy working in an office environment and have attention to detail.

However please note that you don't need to have all of these interests or skills to undertake this volunteering role.

Your place	Heysham Nature Reserve
Time commitment	Once a week or more if you can
Volunteer Coordinator	Catherine Haddon
	<u>chaddon@lancswt.org.uk</u>
	01772 324 129
Staff Contact	Emma Garston
(if different)	egarston@lancswt.org.uk
Training/Resources	LWT Volunteer Induction
	Shadowing Education and Community Officers
	Access to the Volunteer Training Programme
	Eligible to apply for internal vacancies (once induction has been completed).
Expenses	Out-of-pocket travel costs between home and volunteering place
	will be paid up to a maximum of £4 per day, and other reasonable
	expenses agreed in advance
Other Requirements	In the second stage of the volunteer recruitment process we will ask
	you to provide a reference.

Extra information

This role is purely voluntary and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one or an employment contract