



Environmental Education Volunteer

Engagement Period: During term time and holiday periods when there are bookings. Minimum commitment is one day per week for 3 months, open to discussion.

Location: Welsh Harp Environmental Educational Centre, Birchen Grove, NW9 8RY

Responsible to: Education Coordinator

Background to Thames21

Thames21 is the leading waterway charity in London. It is a vibrant and growing organisation of 30 staff, with projects that are located across Greater London as well as offices in Central, East and North-west London. Thames21 has engaged over 30,000 people and 7,500 volunteers on waterways across London, and aims to develop lasting connections between local communities and their waterways.

Why we want you:

We are passionate about waterways and thrive on connecting people with them and the wealth of diverse habitats across London. At our education base in North-west London, the Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre, we have opportunities for practical and creative volunteers. We are keen practitioners of learning outside of the classroom and want to share that with enthusiastic education volunteers. Your help would be of great benefit to the young people attending education sessions at the centre.

What you will do:

- Represent Thames21 positively and encourage attendees to take part in our activities.
- Observe Thames21 educators deliver curriculum linked sessions that are designed to impart environmental knowledge in a lively and interactive manner.
- Be willing to work outdoors for long periods of time in a variety of weather conditions.
- Support Thames21 staff in delivery of sessions by setting up and packing up activities, interacting with pupils and preparing/managing resources.

What's in it for you?

- Being outdoors is fun and this is a great opportunity to learn about a variety of wonderful habitats.
- Practical experience of the development, planning and delivery of curriculum linked and forest school sessions.
- Gain valuable skills by observing and supporting the management of large groups of young people, ensuring agreed session timing is adhered to during outdoor educational sessions.
- Opportunity to volunteer on Thames21 activities across London. Learn about and explore London's lesser known waterways and help others to connect with them.

Person Specification

Knowledge, skills and competencies:	Desirable	Essential
Good organisational skills		✓
Punctual and reliable		✓
Good interpersonal skills; courteous manner with people		✓
Creativity and a passion for engaging people with environmental issues	✓	
Ability to absorb information quickly	✓	
Confident and clear communication skills		✓
Current or agree to undertake an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check		✓

Expressions of interest in a voluntary role

If you are interested in a voluntary environmental education role, please contact Debra Frankiewicz Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre Officer (deb.frankiewicz@thames21.org.uk) with a paragraph about why you would like to volunteer with us and your availability to volunteer. We will get in contact with you to arrange a time to come to our offices for an informal chat to establish your suitability for a volunteer role. Successful applicants must agree to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

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