

## Role Description

## Learning Team Volunteer

Role Title: Learning Team Volunteer  
Preferred start date: By mutual agreement  
Period of Commitment: Minimum of 15 days per year  
Responsible to: Learning Deliverers

### Creekside Education Trust

Creekside Education Trust (CET) is a unique charity which owns and runs the Creekside Discovery Centre on the banks of Deptford Creek. We are small but we have a big impact. We are a successful wildlife conservation and environmental education charity with a vision for building a vibrant community in the heart of London where people and wildlife can thrive. We do this through:

- **Habitat management** of our grounds and intertidal zones, which are some of the most biodiverse areas for their size in London
- **Educating adults** on the value of these habitats, Deptford Creek and the local area
- A **formal education** programme of adventurous, hands-on learning for schools, colleges, universities
- Delivering activities for **family learning**
- **Working with developers** to improve land management in the area
- Working with **volunteers** who are vital in supporting this work

### Role Summary

This volunteer role will support the Learning Deliverers at Creekside who are responsible for the delivery of educational programmes. We deliver school sessions for over 5,000 children a year and run a wide variety of family activities throughout the year. Learning Team Volunteers assist with the delivery of these sessions before, during, and after the groups visit. Working as part of a team volunteers help prepare equipment and interact with visiting adults and young people throughout the day.

This is an excellent volunteer opportunity for a trainee teacher, or anyone interested in career opportunities in environmental education and learning outside the classroom. We are offering volunteer placements which can be flexible in terms of days and duration, but which require a regular commitment. The core hours for a Learning Team Volunteer are 09.30-15.00. Our Learning Deliverers are employees or freelance staff and we have recruited some freelance staff from our volunteers in the past. There may be an opportunity to join our freelance Learning Deliverer team.

### Duties

1. Support the Learning Deliverers with the delivery of primary school sessions and activities for family groups, youth groups and special interest groups.

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2. Support the Learning Deliverers with physically active group activities.
3. Assist with promoting Creekside Discovery Centre and our activities. This can include contribution to our social media accounts and our website.
4. Assist the Learning Deliverers with all relevant health and safety procedures and practices including risk assessment prior to visits and on the day
5. Setting up and clearing away before and after sessions. This can include tidying, sweeping, organising resources, moving tables, chairs and benches and tidying bathrooms.
6. Complete any other task reasonably requested by the Learning Deliverers.

## Personal Specification

### Essential

- Interest in outdoor education
- Experience of working with children
- Interest in delivering interactive learning sessions relating to wildlife/geography/biology/science/history
- Willingness to work as part of a supportive team
- Enthusiasm for the role and a genuine interest in our charity, Creekside Education Trust

### Desirable

- IT skills
- Knowledge of local wildlife, geography and history
- Website management skills and experience of developing a social media following e.g. Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram
- First aid qualification
- Recent DBS check

## Equal Opportunities

CET is an equal opportunities employer and will not discriminate. This role is active and practical. We do not wish to discriminate against those less mobile and we aim to be a fully inclusive organisation. However, given the nature of this volunteering post, if you do have mobility issues please contact us directly to find out more about the role. We will aim to adjust the role where possible, and we may have other opportunities which are more accessible.

***To apply for this role, please complete the application form and send it by email to [info@creeksidecentre.org.uk](mailto:info@creeksidecentre.org.uk).***