

## Role Description

## Low Tide Walk Volunteer

Role Title:	Low Tide Walk Volunteer
Preferred start date:	By mutual agreement
Period of Commitment:	Minimum of 1 day per month
Responsible to:	CET Learning and Volunteering Lead

## 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 post will support staff at CET who are leading public Low Tide Walks exploring Deptford Creek. We deliver Low Tide Walks all year round with a minimum of 1 per month increasing during the summer months to include additional weekend walks. There are occasional evening walks during the week. Community Activity Volunteers will assist with the preparation and management of the group and interact with the visitors to enhance their experience.

This is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in learning more about their local natural environment and connecting with the wildlife around them. You will gain knowledge of the ecology, history and geography of the local area and interact with our visitors on a regular basis. Volunteering sessions last around 3 hours and mostly take place on Sunday though there are some on occasional Saturdays and weekday evenings. Volunteers should be able to commit to a minimum of 1 day volunteering per month.

## Duties

1. Support CET staff with the delivery of Low Tide Walk events for members of the public.
2. Setting up and clearing away equipment and facilities before and after sessions. This can include tidying, sweeping, organising resources, moving tables, chairs and benches and tidying bathrooms.

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3. Assist the CET staff with all relevant health and safety procedures and practices including risk assessment prior to visits and on the day, managing individual safety in the group and alerting the group leader to any issues or concerns you may have.
4. Interacting with the visitors to ensure they are comfortable and relaxed and relaying any concerns, feedback, or issues to the group leader.
5. Support the CET staff with physically active group activities.
6. Assist with promoting CET and our activities. This can include taking photos during events, gathering feedback after events or contributing to our social media accounts and our website.
7. Complete any other task reasonably requested by CET staff.

## Personal Specification

### Essential

- Interest in the natural environment
- Enthusiasm for the role and a genuine interest in our charity, Creekside Education Trust
- Willingness to work as part of a supportive team
- Weekend (primarily Sunday) availability

### Desirable

- Experience of working collaboratively with adults or family groups
- Experience of working with children
- Interest in local wildlife, geography, and history
- 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).***