

Role Description

Learning Team Volunteer

Role Title: Creekside Education Trust (CET) Learning Team Volunteer
Preferred start date: By mutual agreement
Period of Commitment: Minimum of 15 days per year
Responsible to: CET Learning Deliverers

Creekside Education Trust

Creekside Education Trust runs the Creekside Discovery Centre on Deptford Creek. The Centre provides an exciting range of indoor and outdoor activities for all ages that include 'discovery' walks on the river bed where the Ravensbourne River meets the Thames. The Centre delivers educational sessions on science, history and geography for thousands of local children every year. Families, community groups, and pre-school groups also participate in recreational activities. Creekside Discovery Centre is unique. Being situated in a completely urban context, the grounds are managed for maximum biodiversity with over 300 species of wildflower on a site of under 0.26 hectares. The centre has private sloped access into Deptford Creek, which allows us to lead discovery walks at low tide. Participants wear waders and are able to wade through the water – experiencing an urban wild river while gaining insight and education into bio-diversity, wildlife, and the industrial and social history of the area.

Role Summary

This volunteer post will support the Learning Deliverers at CET 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. 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. We recruit our freelance staff from our volunteers. There may be an opportunity to join our freelance Learning Deliverers 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.
2. Support the Learning Deliverers with physically active group activities.
3. Assist with promoting CET and our activities. This can include contribution to our social media accounts and our website.

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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
- IT skills
- Enthusiasm for the role and a genuine interest in our charity, Creekside Education Trust
- Willingness to work as part of a supportive team

Desirable

- 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. However, this volunteering role is physically demanding as you will be walking in a river most volunteering days. 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. On our website we advertise other volunteering posts which might be more suitable for those less mobile.

To apply for this role, please complete the application form and send it by email to education@creeksidecentre.org.uk.