

Role Description

Conservation Volunteer

Role Title:	Conservation Volunteer
Preferred start date:	By mutual agreement
Period of Commitment:	2-4 days 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

Volunteers support the Conservation Team at Creekside who are responsible for managing the wildlife habitats at Creekside Discovery Centre and other sites such as Sue Godfrey Nature Park. Every Wednesday Conservation Volunteers work as a group to carry out vital conservation tasks in these spaces. Working as part of a team volunteers assist with litter picking, the removal and management of invasive species, general habitat management, maintenance of site infrastructure, and much more. Optional volunteering opportunities include data recording and assisting with public events such as Wildflower Pop-ups.

This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in getting closer to nature, learning more about the local flora and fauna, and contributing to the biodiversity of the locality in a positive, practical way. This role takes place each Wednesday, and volunteers can attend for a half day or full day session. Conservation volunteering takes place year round.

Duties

1. Support CET conservationists with the practical management of wildlife habitats.
2. Using tools to complete conservation tasks, where appropriate training and guidance has been given.
3. Support CET staff and other volunteers with physically active tasks such as vegetation management or species removal.

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4. Assisting with housekeeping tasks such as litter picking and site maintenance to ensure the site is safe and pleasant for visitors.
5. Complete other tasks 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
- Wednesday 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.