

## Volunteer Role Description

### **Volunteer role: Wildchild Activity Volunteer**

*The Wildchild project is focused on connecting children and families with nature. The project delivers fun activity sessions, where attendees are able to explore, learn and enjoy their local natural spaces.*

*The project is part of the Transforming the Trent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme, a five-year scheme funded by the National Lottery Heritage fund. The scheme area spans across both Staffordshire and South Derbyshire offering a range of opportunities to engage with families and communities.*

*As a project we will inspire younger generations to interact with nature in a sensitive way. Help them to discover more about their landscape's wildlife and cultural heritage.*

*Encourage families to use the landscape more frequently for recreation and learning.*

*The Wildchild Activity Volunteer is an important role as they will support and contribute to the great and memorable experiences we offer, while helping to instil a lasting caring for nature in the people we meet.*

#### **Objectives of Role:**

*The Wildchild Activity Volunteer will support the Wildchild Officer with the delivery of activities.*

#### **Tasks and Activities to be undertaken:**

- To assist the Wildchild Officer and sessional workers in safe, educational, enjoyable, and active sessions for children and young people*
- Ensure that equipment and resource material is prepared prior to activities, and returned, checked and cleaned afterwards*
- Join in with activities and provide a positive role model for the children and young people*
- Update records of all work undertaken, to allow monitoring and evaluation to occur with baseline data*
- To ensure the storage areas are kept presentable and in good order, including resource cupboards and storage containers*
- The role will involve manual handling such as carrying equipment for sessions to various location around the site.*
- Work in accordance with the Trust's health and safety policy and inform staff if something requires attention*
- Contribute to the promotion of the TTTV's work across the landscape and the work of the people engagement team across the county.*
- Raise awareness of the work of Staffordshire Wildlife Trust and TTTV project, and be an ambassador for the Charity.*
- All staff and volunteers should recognise the contribution that membership makes towards the running of the organisation. It is therefore expected to understand the need for high standards of service to existing members and recognise their role in contributing towards ongoing membership recruitment.*

#### **Essential skills and qualifications for the role:**

- *To be able to work flexible hours to successfully deliver sessions, including working some weekends and school holidays*
- *Comfortable to working outside in all weather conditions*
- *Possesses excellent communication skills, good team working abilities and good interpersonal skills*
- *Aware of Health and safety policies relevant to working with children and young people.*
- *A good level of Self-motivation and enthusiasm*
- *Be able to work and engage children and young people, experience working with children and young people. The role involves frequent contact with young people and vulnerable adults, therefore an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check will be undertaken\*\**
- *Have 5 GCSE's including Maths and Science*

**Reporting to:** Wildchild Officer

**Location:**

*Activity sessions are delivered at a variety of locations across the Trent Valley Landscape. Our office base is Transforming the Trent Valley Rugeley Office (WS15 2BZ) in Rugeley town centre.*

**Volunteering hours:**

*At least 1 day a week*

**Required person specifications:**

*This role will suit people who:*

- *Have a friendly, helpful, enthusiastic manner and are keen to learn.*
- *Enjoy meeting people, in particular families and children*
- *Like getting actively involved in Wildchild sessions.*

**\*\*** A volunteer cannot commence volunteering until the DBS check has been completed.

**This role is purely voluntary and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one or an employment contract.**