



VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS South London

REPORTS TO: Education Officer

RESPONSIBLE FOR: School children

LOCATION: River catchments of the Wandle, Hogsmill and Beverley Brook.

The South East Rivers Trust (SERT) is an environmental charity dedicated to maintaining and restoring the health of rivers and their catchments across the South East of England. SERT is a member of the Rivers Trust and is part of the rivers trust movement, which is described as having “wet feet” because it concentrates on practical improvement, underpinned by good science and best practice, throughout river catchments. Engaging and involving local communities is seen as particularly important, with education playing a key role in promoting an understanding of the value of a healthy river.

SERT is looking to recruit a team of enthusiastic, education volunteers to support the delivery of our River Education programme, **Project Kingfisher**. Project Kingfisher is designed to raise awareness of the value of a healthy river by engaging children and young people with their local river and incorporating it into their lessons.

As part of Project Kingfisher, the Trust offer whole school assemblies and/or class presentations. However schools can become further involved by signing up for an outdoor session which brings schools to the Wandle/Hogsmill/Beverley Brook to experience the river first hand where they complete activities and games associated with the river.

Our Education Officers require support to help set up, deliver and pack up the outdoor sessions and assist with the delivery of sensory presentations and workshops in Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) schools.

Last year Project Kingfisher engaged nearly 4000 students, visiting 23 schools in the Wandle catchment and the Trust hope to exceed this in the next academic year working on three rivers. More information on Project Kingfisher can be found on our website: www.wandletrust.org/education

APPLICATION PROCESS

If you are interested please read the information below and email us with bit about yourself, why you want this role and why you think you would be good at it; including any relevant experience you may have (two side of A4 max). You may be interested in assisting with only outdoor sessions, only SEND sessions, or both. Please indicate your preference and include your availability if you will only be available on particular days, times and areas. Email your application to Polly Bryant (Volunteer Support Officer) at volunteers@wandletrust.org. This is a rolling volunteer position and there is no deadline to apply.

If you have any questions about the role, please call Polly Bryant on 07833 497 599.

KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

You will be supporting our Education Officer in delivering outdoor education sessions and/or Sensory presentations/workshops with SEND schools in south London.

1. Before the Session

1.1. Arriving early to help set up the session and equipment on site.

2. During the Session

2.1. Greeting and welcoming the school children as they arrive.

2.2. Helping to supervise children while they undertake river-related activities and games during outdoor sessions

2.3. Helping with sensory props for SEND children to experience

2.4. Report any incidents to the Education Officer on duty.

2.5. Representing the South East Rivers Trust and the work we do for the river environment to the wider public.

3. After the Session

3.1. Help pack away all the equipment and resources

3.2. Help to pack up the van/car.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

We are looking for enthusiastic people with a passion for rivers, the outdoor environment and the next generation of river guardians. You will have the following attributes and skills:

- Friendly and approachable personality
- Ideally previous experience working with children or schools
- Confident working with children (Primary) and leading small activities (outdoor session)
- Confident working with SEND children (Primary and Secondary)
- Happy working outdoors (outdoor sessions)

BENEFITS FOR YOU

By volunteering with us, you will have the opportunity to gain a number of useful skills and build valuable experience to help you in your career, such as:

- Gaining experience working for a Registered Charity working as part of a friendly team
- The opportunity to learn new skills while making a positive difference to the environment
- A chance to gain experience in environmental education

We will also cover reasonable travel expenses for the sessions you attend with us.