



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Painter & decorator volunteer

Why do we need you?

At WWT we shape unforgettable experiences for our visitors. We believe the best way for people to understand and connect to wetlands is to experience them, so we bring awe-inspiring nature up close and let it do the talking.

Volunteers are integral to the running of our Washington Wetland Centre. By working as part of the Maintenance team, you will help us ensure the Centre is looking at its very best and looking spick and span by keeping the facilities in excellent condition, so we can continue to provide our visitors with a great day out and showcase our work to save wetlands for wildlife and people.

Who will be responsible for your role? Grounds and Facilities Manager

Where will you be based? WWT Washington

How much time will it take? 1 day per week
8:30am up until 4:30pm (flexible timings are also available)

We are ideally looking for a volunteer who can commit at least 6 months of their time with us. We will mutually agree the hours that you can contribute and it would be helpful if you could try to give us as much notice as possible on the occasions when you are not able to contribute those hours.

What will you be doing?

You will mainly be volunteering to assist with painting and decorating around the Centre and the occasional work in up keeping other buildings / hides as required. Tasks may include the following:

General painting and decorating tasks:

- Preparation and painting / varnishing of wooden door frames, doors, tables and windows.
- Preparation and painting of buildings (internal and external), structures and other areas
- Occasional sanding down and repainting of benches
- Painting and treating of fences
- Sanding and painting metal work

What are we looking for?

This is an ideal role for someone who:

- Has an interest and enthusiasm for the work of WWT
- Ideally has had previous professional experience as a painter/decorator
- Has a very high attention to detail

- Has practical skills, also the added benefit of someone who has experience using hand and power tools
- Is keen and enthusiastic and willing to use or develop these skills and learn about the Centre
- Has a good ability to work as part of friendly, busy team and on their own, at times
- Has an excellent ability to communicate effectively with staff and other volunteers
- Is committed to providing excellent customer service
- Is physically fit and happy to work outdoors and in all weathers
- Can work within the terms of Risk Assessment's to ensure Health and Safety considerations are met, and keep the Centre looking its best.

How will you benefit?

- Be part of a friendly and dedicated team of staff and volunteers
- This is an excellent opportunity to work within an internationally important wetland site in the UK and gain insightful experience in our work across WWT
- An induction will be provided as well as other **appropriate** training and development opportunities
- A review after the first month to ensure the role is right for you and you are happy to continue
- Suitable WWT uniform and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is provided
- A discount is available in the cafe and shop on the days of volunteering
- Free entry to all WWT wetland centers throughout the UK on presentation of your WWT name badge.

General notes

We regret that we are not in a position to reimburse travel expenses, however pre-agreed out of pocket expenses incurred in the course of your volunteering activities will be reimbursed. There are a number of public transport routes directly to the London Wetland Centre. Please see our webpage for further details.

This position is entirely voluntary and is therefore unpaid. Any offer of a volunteer placement is not intended to create a legally binding contract between us and any agreement may be cancelled at any time at the discretion of either party. Neither of us intends any employment relationship to be created either now or at any time in the future.

Interested?

If you are interested in this role, please complete an application form so that we can talk it through further with you.

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