



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Wildflower Growing Volunteer in the community Hub

We're WWT, and we're on a mission to restore the super-powered ecosystems we call wetlands. There's never been a more important moment for our work, and we've got some phenomenal people on the case.

Whether they're taking a new visitor under their wing, or conducting ground-breaking research further afield, our team are second to none. And there's nothing we love more than watching them soar.

We lead the way, bring life and inspire connection

Our main values enrich our community....

By restoring our wonderful wetlands we gain deeper connections

By inspiring future volunteers we will inspire others to value, act and benefit from wetlands

To Thrive! We believe our volunteers will thrive in making WWT a more sustainable and inclusive organisation.

Practicalities

Who will be responsible for your role?

Community Action Co-ordinator

Where will you be based?

Slimbridge

How much time will it take?

It is flexible but ideally at least a couple of hours a week.

Why do we need you? Why volunteer with us?

The Community Growing Hub Project aims to grow and distribute meadow plants of local provenance to enhance the wildflower diversity of local community projects as well as the grounds and reserve areas at WWT Slimbridge. We are growing these plants in a recently refurbished polytunnel at Slimbridge.

Floodplain meadows are not only beautiful, but these rare, species-rich plant communities are part of the heritage of the Severn Vale. Floodplain meadows can store more carbon than woodlands, are incredibly biodiverse and can help mitigate flooding. Unfortunately, today just over 1000ha remain in England and Wales.

To aid efforts to restore floodplain meadows and other wet grasslands in the Severn Vale, we are looking for volunteers to assist with growing wildflower plug plants in our polytunnel

This role involves:

- Receiving simple training on the methods and essential health & safety
- Caring for plug plants e.g. weeding, hand watering, potting on.
- Moving trays
- Preparing plants for orders.
- Ensuring optimal growing conditions in the polytunnel e.g. raising /lowering sides of tunnel, adapting automatic watering regime
- Looking for pests and diseases
- Keeping work areas clean and safe.
- Updating records, e.g. of any problems/loss of plants/transfer of plants
- Some general maintenance as required.

This role will suit you if:

- You have the ability to work under your own initiative with guidance.
- You are able to travel independently to WWT Slimbridge
- You have a relatively good level of fitness. Tasks may involve lifting plant trays, using wheelbarrows, standing at plant benches, lifting compost bags etc.
- You have your own sturdy footwear and outdoor clothing.
- If you have some knowledge of plants and horticulture that would be great although it is not essential.

How will you benefit?

- This is an excellent opportunity to volunteer on an exciting new project at Slimbridge
 - Discount is available in WWT cafes and shops
 - Free entry is available to all the WWT centres and reserves throughout the UK, invitation to updates and project events
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If you are based at a particular site or office location, you'll need to be able to get yourself there and back. Information on locations can be found on our [website](#).

We will keep you up to date with what's happening across WWT and the difference you will be helping to make happen.

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?

Full details of this and other roles can be found at www.wwt.org.uk/volunteer.

Contact us at volunteering@wwt.org.uk to discuss any issues with the application form. We celebrate inclusivity and diversity amongst our volunteering community and encourage applicants to state any disabilities they have for provided support.