

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Facilities Team – General Maintenance

**Why do we need you?**

We’re WWT, the charity for wetlands and wildlife. We’re on a mission to restore wetlands because they are a wondrous solution to our world's problems. Together we will unlock their power – and help nature burst back to life. Because when wetlands flourish, all life will flourish.

Maintaining and developing an award-winning wetland centre requires a lot of practical, physical work to keep the centre looking 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.

In this role you will be providing regular support to the facilities team undertaking a range of hands-on practical tasks, playing a vital part in managing the site.

**Who will be responsible for your role?** Facilities Manager

**Where will you be based?** WWT Llanelli Wetland Centre

**How much time will it take?** A minimum of half a day although a full day can be beneficial to completing tasks. Attendance could be weekly, fortnightly, or on an ad hoc basis when jobs come up.

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. We hope you will be able to volunteer with for us for at least six months.

**What will you be doing?**

General maintenance of facilities and buildings

* Assisting on various maintenance/building projects.
* Painting, concreting, joinery work, groundworks, drainage, plumbing are examples of the skills that would be great – not all essential.
* Willing to learn new skills such as those listed above whilst assisting the team in maintenance and building tasks.
* Cleaning and maintenance of workshop and tools.
* Keeping up to date with WWT news.

**Who are we looking for?**

In order to carry out this role, you will need to be / have:

* Prepared to be hands on and enthusiastic for completing practical tasks.
* Some experience in maintenance or building skills or just generally happy to be working hand on.
* Friendly, patient and dependable.
* Physically fit and happy to work outdoors in all weathers.
* Capable of working as part of a team and on your own.
* An excellent ability to communicate effectively with staff and other volunteers.
* Confidence to engage our visitors with the work of WWT.
* Willing to train and learn new skills and carry out essential safety training whilst working with us.

**How will you benefit?**

* Be part of a friendly and dedicated team of staff and volunteers.
* Meet people from all walks of life and make new friends.
* Get some exercise outdoors in fresh air.
* Great personal satisfaction since you have the opportunity to make a real difference to our visitors’ experience and enjoyment at our centre.
* This is an excellent opportunity to volunteer within an internationally important and award-winning wetland centre.
* An induction will be provided as well as other appropriate training opportunities.
* Suitable uniform and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is provided (if required for tasks).
* A discount is available in the cafe and shop on the days of volunteering.

We want your volunteering to be a positive and fun experience. You’ll get a warm welcome, including information on training, equipment and other information you need. This will include risk assessments based on your role and any particular support you need.

**General notes:**

Getting to the site - WWT Llanelli lies on the northern shore of the Burry Inlet facing the Gower Peninsula, and is off the A484 and B4304 to Swansea and is on the Sustrans Celtic Trail Route 4. If arriving by car there is free parking and bike racks are available as well as a covered bike shed. There is no public transport directly to the site. Llanelli bus station is a 40-minute walk away, while from Llanelli Bus Station, you can catch the 110 or 111 bus towards Swansea for a ten-minute ride to nearby Llwynhendy. If you get off at The Joiners Arms pub, it’s then a 25-minute walk the centre.

We regret that we are not in a position to reimburse expenses incurred for travel to the site.

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.

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