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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Education – Formal Learning Session Assistant

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**Why do we need you? Why volunteer with us?**

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.

At WWT, we believe that the best way for people to understand and 'connect' with wetlands is to experience them, so we bring awe-inspiring nature up close. You will be directly involved in shaping children's unforgettable experiences through the warm welcome you give them, your interactions with them and the information that you provide. We need enthusiastic people to help deliver our education programmes to school groups and in doing so ensuring that they feel part of something amazing.

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

**Where will you be based?** Martin Mere centre

**How much time will it take?** One or two days each week, 9.30am – 2pm

Monday – Friday during term time.

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. However these may vary from week to week depending on school visits.

**What will you be doing?**

- Helping out with school groups as appropriate.
- Leading selected guided learning sessions (session plans provided)/supporting education lead.
- Attending training sessions and meetings when required.

- Being friendly and approachable to visitors, especially children.
- Interacting with children in a sensitive and responsive manner.
- Being aware of procedures regarding child protection.
- Being involved in peer mentoring and observation during guided learning sessions.

### **Who are we looking for?**

This role will suit you if:

- You have experience in an educational setting
- You are confident or experienced in delivering enquiry-based learning to school groups
- You are able to work in a team of staff and volunteers
- You are able to communicate well with a diverse range of audiences
- You are familiar with Martin Mere centre - this would be an advantage during the initial stages.

### **How will you benefit?**

Looking for valuable work experience to gain relevant skills or wanting to spend more time outdoors? Or both?

Look no further! Securing a volunteering position with us plays a crucial role in saving wetlands for wildlife and people as well as:

- This is an excellent opportunity to work within an internationally important wetland site.
- Be part of an amazing friendly team.
- Free entry to all WWT wetland centres throughout the UK on presentation of your WWT name badge.
- Discount is available in the café and shop on the days of volunteering.
- Training opportunities will be provided.
- Gain relevant work experience in an inspiring & inclusive environment
- Learn new, transferable skills
- Become part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Make new friends and become part of a welcoming and inclusive community
- Make a real contribution to the conservation work of WWT

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### **General notes:**

This position may require helping out on other days in addition to rota days but this will be infrequent and will be agreed with your head of department and will be subject to your availability.

You will need your own transport to get to the centre as it is 2 miles from the nearest public transport in Burscough. 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.

### **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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