

 **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Family Engagement Volunteer

At WWT 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.

One of our biggest audiences are our families, and getting children enthused about wetlands at an early age is the best way to ensure they become future nature advocates. As a Family Engagement volunteer you will bring our site to life for family audiences, helping with our programmes of activities during weekends and school holidays. Examples of our holiday programmes include engaging children with pond life in our pond dipping sessions, assisting with Forest School-style Wild Play sessions and special events such as our much-loved Family Night Safaris. Full training and induction will be provided along with opportunities for more detailed training on specific areas of site biodiversity.

Volunteers play a crucial role in saving wetlands for wildlife and people.

**This role involves:**

* Preparing and packing away materials for family activities
* Facilitating family activities such as pond dipping, art workshops, bird watching, nature walks etc.
* Helping with special events such as Junior Bat Walks.
* Being polite, informed and enthusiastic about WWT’s work when dealing with the public

**This role will suit you if:**

* You enjoy working with people, particularly children
* You have an approachable manner
* You have an interest in nature
* You have or want to develop excellent verbal communication skills
* You can work under your own initiative and as part of a team

**Practicalities**

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

**Who will you volunteer with?** Learning Team (main contact: Paul Lawston, Learning Manager)

**Time commitment?** Generally one day per week in school holidays, usually 10.00 – 15.00 but this can vary

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.

Volunteers receiveaccess to our sites, and discounts in our shops and cafes. Some roles include a uniform or require the use of equipment or protective clothing.

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](https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres).

If you are interested in volunteering for WWT but don't wish to apply online, please email volunteering@wwt.org.uk or leave a message at 01453 891 231 with your name and number.

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

**Interested?**

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