

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Mystical Marsh Lantern Trail Volunteer**

**Why do we need you?**

At WWT Slimbridge, we shape incredible experiences for visitors, and help our audience to understand why wetlands are so important. To this end, we are hosting a Mystical Marsh Lantern Trail: a lantern trail that runs from on 17 and 18 October and Half Term: 24 October - 1 November, around our site. We hope to show our amazing centre in a whole new light – pun intended.

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who can help us make the event a success. By being a friendly face, answering questions, stewarding the event, or running craft activities, you’ll ensure the smooth running of the trail and bring the magic of wetlands to a whole new audience.

**Who will be responsible for your role?** Visitor Experience Manager and event Duty Managers

**Where will you be based?** Slimbridge

**How much time will it take?** A variety of shifts are available from 4.30 - 9pm. We ask that you commit to doing 4 shifts across the whole event

**What will you be doing?**

We are looking for volunteers to support the event in a number of key roles. These include:

* Assisting visitors in the Art Hub with making their very own lanterns.
* Directing visitors to the start of the trail in the cinema.
* Supporting with marshalling the trail outside, answering enquires and helping to keep visitors safe in the evening.

**Who are we looking for?**

No previous experience needed! We are looking for people who are:

* Excited by the event
* Happy to work outdoors in the evening in winter/ or happy to assist with family friendly lantern making.
* Motivated by engaging with the public and talking about the work of WWT

**How will you benefit?**

* This is an excellent opportunity to work within an internationally important wetland site.
* Suitable uniform is provided to all regular volunteers.
* Discount is available in the cafe and shop on the days of volunteering.
* Training opportunities will be provided.
* Free entry to all WWT wetland centres throughout the UK on presentation of your WWT name badge.

**General notes:**

This position requires work during evenings, weekends and public holidays to ensure the objectives of the event are met. The exact hours you are able to contribute will be discussed prior to placement.

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.

**Closing date:**

**Date raised:**  August 2025