

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Craft Champion.

# Why do we need you?

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. We use resources creatively to maximum effect, working against the odds. With our adventurous nature comes a deep sense of fun.

As a Craft Champion, you will be the main point of contact with families to assist them in undertaking seasonal crafts. You will ensure the family has all the items they need to safely undertake each activity providing assistance if required. You will have the support of the Learning team to undertake these sessions and we have plenty of craft materials for you to work with.

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Who will be responsible for your role?

Learning Manager

Where will you be based?

WWT Castle Espie

How much time will it take? and occasional weekend provision.

You will be called upon to help with holiday

# What will you be doing?

- Providing children with the correct equipment and materials to undertake seasonal craft activities. This will involve taking cash payments for crafts items purchased.
- Creating ideas and assisting in the preparation of crafts by re-stocking materials, producing samples for children to view and alerting staff to craft shortages.
- To assist in coming up with none plastic craft ideas for children to undertake during their visit to Castle Espie.
- Adhering to WWT procedures, such as Data Protection compliance, Health and Safety etc.

# Who are we looking for?

To carry out this role effectively, you will need:

- An interest in arts and crafts and those relating to children specifically.
- A working knowledge of artistic mediums.
- Experience of arts and crafts with small and large groups and families.

- Experience of working with a variety of age groups including children and adults.
- Attention to detail and creativity.
- A confident friendly attitude and/or experience of successful face-to-face contact with the public.
- An interest in and enthusiasm for the work of WWT and the natural world.
- Good listening skills, with the ability to adapt your approach to suit your audience.
- The ability to work on your own initiative under the direction of the Learning Manager.

## How will you benefit?

- This is an excellent opportunity to work within an internationally important conservation organisation.
- A very rewarding experience and ideal for those considering work within the events or community arts sector.
- Suitable uniform is provided to all regular volunteers
- Discount is available in the cafe and shop on the days of volunteering
- Free entry to all WWT wetland centres throughout the UK on presentation of your WWT name badge
- Training opportunities will be provided

#### **General notes:**

This position will require work during occasional weekends and public holidays to ensure the objectives of the centre are met. The exact hours you are able to contribute will be discussed prior to placement.

Travel to and from the centre is at the volunteers arrangement and 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.

# How to apply

Please complete and submit an online application form via our website <a href="https://www.wwt.org.uk/join-and-support/volunteering/volunteering-opportunities">https://www.wwt.org.uk/join-and-support/volunteering/volunteering-opportunities</a>

If you have any problems completing the application online, please email <a href="mailto:amy.hannan@wwt.org.uk">amy.hannan@wwt.org.uk</a>

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