



# Volunteer Role Description: Education Volunteer

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**Where:** Opportunities across the River Eden catchment (Eden District and Carlisle)

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**Commitment:** Variable, but minimum one day per month. Our work with schools runs throughout the year, with peak delivery being May to October.

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**Duration:** Ongoing

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**Why we want you:** It's an exciting time for our work with schools. We have recently developed a new 2-day learning programme that we are delivering with primary schools across the catchment, as well working with a select number of other schools on longer-term projects.

The Eden is truly a paradise on earth, with a wide variety of wildlife, landscapes and features that we would love to be able to share with young people to:

- Encourage them to visit and enjoy their local river
- Increase their knowledge of the special wildlife, features and places found in the Eden catchment; and to
- Change perceptions about rivers, and motivate people to care for their local river and its fragile habitats.

We're a small team, so need enthusiastic local people like you to help us as we prepare for and deliver our hand-on classroom and river-based programmes – and have some fun at the same time!

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**Requirements:** You'll be friendly and enjoy working with young people of all ages, with the ability to supervise a small group during

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an activity, both indoors and out in the field. Previous experience is not essential, but a willingness to gain new skills is.

Interested in rivers and conservation, you don't need to be an expert, just be willing to learn about the Trust and the work we do, and we'll help you with the rest, with training provided.

You will enjoy working as part of a team, as you be supporting an Eden Rivers Trust staff member.

A reasonable level of fitness is required, as you will be on your feet for a while (both in-class and walking to the river), and you will be asked to help carry and set up equipment.

You will be required to undergo an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

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**What's in it for you:** You'll get the chance to increase your knowledge about the work we do, and get the chance to share your passion for the Eden Valley, rivers and its wildlife with children.

If you're planning a career in education, then this would also be excellent experience for your CV.

You can choose to volunteer at events happening near where you live, or travel throughout the Eden – it's up to you.

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**Notes:** Own transport would be an advantage, but not essential.

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**For more information, contact:**

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