**Volunteer Role Description**

**LEAD CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER**

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| Purpose of the Don Catchment Rivers Trust: | Don Catchment Rivers Trust was established to help protect and restore the rivers in the River Don catchment area. Our rivers are a valuable asset which tell the story of our culture and heritage. They are important for people, wildlife and the local economy, and form an integral part of our landscape.  The Don Catchment Rivers Trust has successfully applied for funding for the ‘Living Heritage of the River Don’ project. Our ambition is to reconnect people, communities and decision makers back to the River Don and its rich natural, cultural, built and industrial heritage. We want to change their beliefs and attitudes so that the River Don and its heritage will be better valued as a major asset to South Yorkshire and better protected in the future. |
| Purpose of the Role: | To assist the Community Engagement Officer with volunteer conservation and clean up days. You will take a lead in overseeing certain tasks, supporting the group of conservation volunteers. |
| Outline of tasks and activities: | Working with the Community Engagement Officer and eventually taking the lead on tasks such as:   * Vegetation works (e.g. removal of invasive species) * Pathway improvements * Waterside clean ups |
| Location & work hours: | The River Don and surrounding green spaces from Sheffield to Doncaster (working in one of three local areas). A Lead Conservation Volunteer would need to be able to attend a regular day per week. |
| This role will suit people who: | * Have experience of practical tasks such as vegetation works, fencing, creating pathways etc. * Are able to work with a wide range of people * Are available to volunteer on a regular, weekly basis * Have enthusiasm for the natural and built heritage of the area |
| Training & support: | The programme of conservation tasks, training requirements and your pathway to leading volunteer tasks will be developed with the Community Engagement Officer.  Training in first aid will be provided if you do not hold a current certificate, as well as health and safety training.  Depending on existing skills and experience, various training opportunities will be available (for example chain saw certificate, species recognition, conservation skills etc) |
| Reimbursement of expenses: | Volunteers will be able to claim public transport or vehicle mileage (payable upon monthly expense claim) |
| Application procedure: | Expression of interest form  Informal interview  Reference and DBS check sought (if applicable)  Induction and settling in period (to be mutually agreed) |
| Contact information: | Sally Hyslop  Community Engagement Officer  Don Catchment Rivers Trust  volunteer@dcrt.org.uk  01302 796173 |

**Volunteer Expression of Interest Form**

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**Any information given on this form is confidential and covered by the Data Protection Act 1998.**

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| Name | Preferred Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms |
| Tel. No. | Tel. No. |
| Address:  E-Mail: | |
| Where did you hear about volunteering for Don Catchment Rivers Trust? | |

Please tell us about yourself and your interest in volunteering for Don Catchment Rivers Trust in the boxes below:

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| Experience as a Volunteer |
| Work Experience |
| Courses or Training (if relevant) |
| Hobbies and Interests |
| Why would you like to be a volunteer with DCRT? |
| Do you have any unspent criminal convictions? Yes / No  If yes, please state date and nature of conviction |
| Please indicate your availability to volunteer:  **Weekdays | weekends | evenings** (please delete as appropriate and include any exceptions):  An approximate **number of hours** per week you would be available:  **Preferred locality** (or willingness to travel) between Doncaster and Sheffield: |

Please give two **independent** referees who would be willing to supply a character reference (these must not be family members)

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| Name | Name |
| Address | Address |
| Tel. no. | Tel. no. |

Thank you for your interest. Once we have processed your expression of interest, we will notify you of any suitable opportunities. Please note that we do normally need two satisfactory references before you can start as a volunteer and we cannot always guarantee a suitable role. Some volunteering roles will be subject to a satisfactory DBS check.

Signed:

Date:

Please email this form to volunteer@dcrt.org.uk

Or post to:

Sally Hyslop (Community Engagement Officer)  
Don Catchment Rivers Trust  
St Catherine’s House  
Woodfield Park, Tickhill Road

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