**Volunteer Role Description**

**CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 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 be part of our regular conservation and river clean up volunteer working parties. |
| Outline of tasks and activities: | There will be various tasks depending on the time of year, including:   * Vegetation works (trimming plants, removal of foliage and invasive species etc) * Litter picking * Path clearance and maintenance * Maintaining trails and geocache points * Suggesting and contributing to ‘hot spot’ projects |
| Location & work hours: | The River Don and surrounding green spaces between Doncaster and Sheffield, organised into local volunteer working parties.  Working parties will be held once a week in each area, for approximately 3 hours each. |
| This role will suit people who: | * Are practical and motivated * Like working outdoors * Are happy to work as part of a team |
| Training & support: | Volunteer work days will be led by the Community Engagement Officer or a Lead Conservation Volunteer. There will be an induction into the trust and several training opportunities available – for example species recognition, conservation practices etc. depending on experience and interests of the group. |
| Reimbursement of expenses: | Volunteers will be able to claim public transport expenses or vehicle mileage (payable upon monthly expense claim) |
| Application procedure: | Expression of interest form  Meet and greet / volunteer induction session. |
| Contact information: | Sally Hyslop  Community Engagement Officer  Don Catchment Rivers Trust  volunteer@dcrt.org.uk  01302 796173 |

**Volunteer Expression of Interest Form**

**CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER**

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

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 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:

|  |
| --- |
| 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)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 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

Balby, Doncaster

DN4 8QP