**Volunteer role description**

**EDUCATION & EVENTS 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 Don & Rother 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 been awarded funding for the ‘Hidden Heritage Secret Streams’ project. Our ambition is to reconnect people, communities and decision makers back to the River Rother and its rich natural, cultural, built and industrial heritage. We want to change their beliefs and attitudes so that the River Rother and its heritage will be better valued as a major asset and better protected in the future. |
| Purpose of the Role: | Working alongside DCRT staff you will help co-ordinate and deliver events and educational activities in and around the River Rother Catchment. |
| Outline of tasks and activities: | Depending on experience and particular area of interest:   * Delivering ‘River Guardian’ education sessions to primary schools * Promoting the sessions to schools and liaising with teachers to organise bookings * Attending events and delivering informal education activities * Assisting with the Trust’s Book Explorer community activity and events programme (guided walks, community events etc.) * Assisting with the development of new educational activities and sessions * Maintaining education equipment * Contribute to gathering evidence for project evaluation |
| Location & work hours: | Various locations and dates in accordance with the Trust’s programme of events and school bookings. This will include evenings and weekends. The majority of our project will take place along the Rother valley corridor in the wider Chesterfield area. This will include working in schools and at outdoor locations. |
| This role will suit people who: | * Have experience of working in an educational setting, or have a transferable skill in this area * Are able to communicate with a wide range of people * Are willing to work as part of a team, and share experience and knowledge with other volunteers * Have the flexibility and availability to volunteer within a programme of events and bookings   Knowledge of the environmental and built heritage of the River Rother is not essential, but a willingness to learn would be desirable, and training will be available. |
| Training & support: | * Our pool of education and event volunteers will be overseen by the Community Engagement Officer. * An induction and training on delivering DCRT sessions will be available * A DBS check may be required |
| Reimbursement of expenses: | Volunteers will be able to claim public transport or vehicle mileage (payable upon monthly expense claim) as per the volunteering policy |
| Application procedure: | Expression of interest form (below)  Informal interview  References and DBS check sought (if applicable)  Induction and settling in period (to be mutually agreed) |
| Contact information: | Community Engagement Officer – Sally Hyslop  Don Catchment Rivers Trust  volunteer@dcrt.org.uk |

**Volunteer Expression of Interest Form**

Which volunteer role are you interested in? ……………………………………….

**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) : |

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:

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