**Volunteer Role Description**

**CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER**

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| Purpose of the Don Catchment Rivers Trust and the ‘friends of the Don Valley Way’ | 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.  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 clean up group ‘The friends of the Don Valley Way’, who look after the walking trail along the Don between Sheffield and Doncaster. |
| Outline of tasks and activities: | There will be various tasks depending on the time of year, including:   * Vegetation works (removal of foliage and invasive species etc) * Litter picking * Removing litter and debris from the river * Maintaining trail furniture, information boards and our bins along the river. |
| Location & work hours: | The River Don and surrounding riverside green spaces between Doncaster and Sheffield.  Working parties will be held around once a week on a Tuesday or Thursday morning, in either Doncaster, Rotherham or Sheffield locations, 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 * Independent and willing to travel |
| Training & support: | Volunteer work days will be led by the DCRT apprentice or Lead Conservation Volunteers. There will be an induction into the trust with the Community Engagement Officer on your first volunteer day. |
| Reimbursement of expenses: | Volunteers will be able to claim public transport expenses or vehicle mileage (payable upon a monthly expense claim) |
| Application procedure: | Expression of interest & Volunteer Details form  Phone call with Community Engagement Officer  Meet and greet / volunteer induction session. |
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