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Volunteer role description



VOLUNTEER EDUCATION ASSISTANT

Purpose of the Don Catchment Rivers Trust:

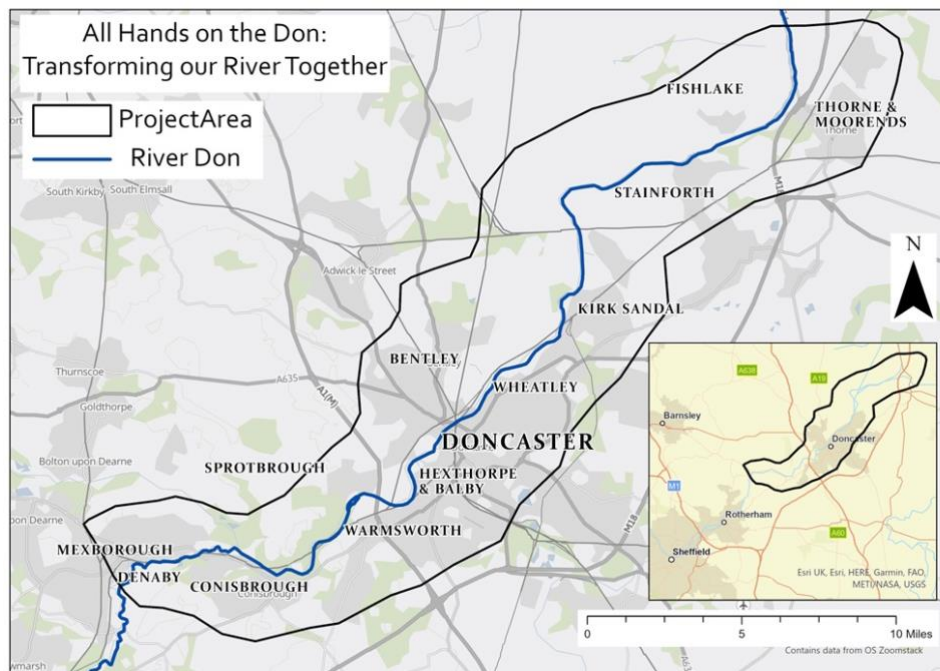
Don Catchment Rivers Trust (DCRT) was established to help protect and restore the rivers and streams of the River Don catchment area. Our rivers are a valuable asset which tell the story of our culture and heritage. They are important for people, wildlife and the local economy, and form an integral part of our landscape.

All Hands on the Don

The Don Catchment Rivers Trust has received National Lottery Heritage Funding for the 'All Hands on the Don' project. Our ambition is to;

1. Realise the River Don's potential as green-blue infrastructure & as a source of health, wellbeing & skills development.
2. Explain the profound transformation of the River Don & drive forward biodiversity gain.
3. Celebrate and promote natural & historic heritage.

The project is based around the City of Doncaster from Mexborough at the upstream end, to Thorne at the downstream end. We will work with partners to deliver a range of engagement activities and will create habitats in the river corridor. The project area broadly covers the area seen below.



Purpose of the Role:

With DCRT staff you will help co-ordinate and deliver events and educational activities in and around the project area. Sharing your passion and knowledge, you can help others learn about the fantastic wildlife and history of the River Don.

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
- Assisting with the development of new educational activities and sessions
- Maintaining education equipment
- Contribute to gathering evidence for project evaluation
- Produce articles for blogs and local press

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 be part of a team, and share experience and knowledge with other volunteers
- Have the flexibility and availability to volunteer within a programme of bookings
- Knowledge of the environmental and historic heritage of the River Don is **not** essential, but a willingness to learn would be desirable and training will be available.

Location & hours:

Various locations and dates in accordance with the Trust's programme of events and school bookings. This may include evenings and weekends. The majority of our project will take place within the project area but may also encompass the wider Doncaster Metropolitan Borough. This may include schools and at outdoor locations.

Training & support:

- Education 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 meeting
- References and DBS check sought (if applicable)
- Induction and settling in period (to be mutually agreed)

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