

Catchment Citizen Scientist Role

Description

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Our purpose

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 wildlife, people 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. Positive change will ensure our rivers and their wildlife are better valued and protected into the future.



Purpose of the Role:

With DCRT staff you will help monitor species within the river corridors. You will work alongside partners and community groups in a variety of citizen science projects. You'll gain training and skills in identifying and surveying species groups such as riparian mammals, bats, dragonflies, butterflies, moths, wetland birds, freshwater invertebrates and botanical surveys.



Outline of tasks and activities:

Depending on your experience and particular area of interest, you may train in species identification, actively monitor chosen sites across the catchment, liaise with Citizen Science partners, help run community days, upload and analyse survey data, contribute to gathering evidence for project evaluation, and produce articles for blogs and local press.

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Location & hours

Various locations and dates in accordance with the Trust's programme of events, which may include weekdays, evenings, and weekends. The sessions will take place within the catchment area, This may include a variety of spaces, including parks, wildlife sites and waterways around the catchment.

This role will suit people who:

- Want to get outdoors and learn about local natural heritage
- Wish to learn identification and surveying skills
- Are willing to be part of a team, and share experience and knowledge with other volunteers
- Have an eye for detail



Training & support

Citizen scientists will be supported and overseen by a member of the DCRT team. An induction and relevant training will be provided for the specific area of citizen science being undertaken.

A DBS check may be required if an activity includes working with children or vulnerable adults.

How to get involved

Fill out an expression of interest form which can be found on our website. This helps us know what area of our work may suit you best. Someone will then get back to you and explain the next steps.

Reimbursement of expenses:

Volunteers can claim public transport expenses or vehicle mileage (payable upon a monthly expense claim).

Contact information:

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