

Volunteer Role Description

Catchment Volunteer



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.



The Don Catchment

This role

With DCRT staff, you will help to make physical improvements to the rivers in the catchment. You will be able to get outside, learn about local watercourses, develop skills and spend time in nature.



Outline of tasks and activities:

Depending on experience and areas of interest, volunteers may help local community groups remove invasive non-native species (INNS) from rivers, carry out physical works to rivers and their surrounding areas such as thinning trees and removing debris, improve access to rivers through litter picking, vegetation removal, path creation and repairs to fences and stiles, maintain equipment, check DCRT assets (such as interpretation boards) and more.

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Location & hours

Various locations and dates in accordance with the Trust's programme of events, which 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

- Are practical and motivated
- Like working outdoors
- Are happy to work as part of a team
- Are willing to travel



Training & support

Volunteering days will be led by DCRT staff or skilled professionals.

Volunteers are supported and overseen by DCRT's Volunteering Officers.

We also run training days to help develop relevant skills, such as first aid, species identification, working in water and more.

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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