

# Railway Land Wildlife Trust

**Job Title: School Visit Leader (freelance)**



**Location:** Linklater Pavilion, Railway Lane, Lewes BN7 2FG

**Responsible to:** Head of Learning

**Hours:** approximately 8.30 – 3pm on days worked + occasional training as needed

**Pay:** £130 per day worked, on a freelance basis

## **Railway Land Wildlife Trust**

The Railway Land Wildlife Trust's vision is for everyone in our community to connect with the natural world. To that end we:

- Provide lifelong environmental learning and engagement for all
- Run the Linklater Pavilion as a focus for local environmental action
- Offer nature based solutions to the climate and ecological crises
- Care for the Railway Land Local Nature Reserve in partnership with the local authority

We run a dynamic programme of school visits for primary and secondary pupils, holiday clubs, a mental health project, a youth engagement project, volunteering programme, and inclusive community events such as walks, talks and hands on learning events and festivals. We work in partnership with other organisations locally on projects that promote nature based solutions to climate change. All our work focuses on the benefits of engaging with the natural world and steps we can take to protect and enhance it. We have a small, friendly staff team and a large cohort of volunteers who support all aspects of our work.

For more information about our work, please visit our website [www.railwaylandproject.org](http://www.railwaylandproject.org)

## **Schools Leader Role**

We run a wide range of largely curriculum linked education sessions on the Railway Land Local Nature Reserve, Lewes, as well as occasionally at other locations. We prioritise hands on experiential learning, and aim for sessions to be engaging as well as closely linked to the learning needs of schools. The number of school visits we deliver has grown

significantly over the past few years, and we are looking for experienced outdoor practitioners to join our friendly team.

### **Main areas of responsibility**

Leading school visits by delivering specific pre agreed curriculum linked learning sessions to groups of up to 30 students.

To represent the Railway Land Wildlife Trust positively and professionally

Being willing to take part in training as needed in order to deliver our sessions

Evaluating sessions with the Head of Learning, in order to improve future delivery

Implementing all health and safety guidelines as required, and reporting any concerns to Head of Learning or CEO as soon as practical

Directing education volunteers as necessary

Managing and maintaining education resources necessary for the sessions

### **Person Specification**

#### **Qualifications**

Qualifications in formal teaching, Level 3 Forest School, environmental conservation or other similar qualification, OR an equivalent level of experience

First Aid at Work (3 day) or Outdoor First Aid (2 day) or similar, or willing to arrange and undertake prior to start of work

#### **Experience**

Leading groups of up to 30 children outdoors, delivering engaging nature based learning activities

The proven ability to hold group cohesion, deliver information clearly, and set and maintain boundaries in a natural environment

Applying all H&S considerations in the outdoor environment to ensure the safety of all

Experience of sharing knowledge and enthusiasm of the natural world with children and young people

Experience of working with children and young people with a wide range of needs

### **Knowledge**

Knowledge of local natural habitats including wetlands, woodland, and meadow

Knowledge of a range of nature based outdoor activities that aid exploration and help inform about the natural world, including identification of basic plants and animals

Knowledge of the national curriculum

Knowledge of safeguarding guidelines and relevant health and safety considerations

### **Skills and Attributes**

Positive attitude, including the confidence to work flexibly in response to group dynamic or weather conditions

Team player with initiative

Willingness to undertake relevant training, including safeguarding training

Confidence in basic IT communications including email, MS Word

Enhanced DBS or willingness for us to obtain on your behalf

**Please contact Milly Hawkins, Head of Learning with any queries:  
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**Closing date for applications: March 27th 2023**