

Railway Land Wildlife Trust

Job Description: Junior Rangers Assistant

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

Responsible to: Head of Learning



Hours: 9am – 1pm approx. Session times 10-12.30pm on agreed Saturdays.

Pay: £80 per morning worked, depending on experience. Freelance

We are looking for applicants who can commit to a rota of roughly alternate Saturdays or more, to be agreed with Head of Learning

BACKGROUND

Background to Railway Land Wildlife Trust

The Railway Land Wildlife Trust (RLWT) was born in 1988 by a community determined to protect the natural space that had evolved from a former railway marshalling yard. In the 1996 the Railway Land was designated a Local Nature Reserve, and during the noughties the charity successfully funded and then built a cutting edge eco building, the Linklater Pavilion, as a focus for community learning and engagement.

More recently RLWT has expanded with a strong team of ecologists, lifelong learning and community engagement practitioners. Our work includes practical conservation and habitat creation, youth engagement, traditional crafting, wildlife discovery, wellbeing in nature walks, school visits, holiday clubs and much more. We aspire to be an exemplar of bold, imaginative and inspirational approaches, disruptive enough to bring about a culture shift in our relationship with nature and how we link human and natural resilience.

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

Background to the Junior Rangers

Our new Junior Rangers scheme runs a nature based group for young people of approximately 10-14 years old (in Year groups 6, 7 and 8). The focus will be to help look after the nature reserve although participants will also have opportunities to take part in activities like green woodwork, ecological surveying, pond dipping, fire lighting, exploring, games and more.

We are keen for this to be fun and engaging, and for activities to reflect the interests of participants. Our aim is to provide a social space for the young people to connect, as well as a great opportunity for them to learn more about and enjoy time in nature.

Some of the reasoning behind the Junior Rangers is to ease the transition between primary and secondary school, provide opportunities for participants to build friendships with those in different schools, and to offer activities specific for this age group who often fall between children's and young people's groups. Participants can continue in our thriving [NatureLinks](#) program when they reach Year 9.

Taster sessions: Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th August 2024 10-12.30pm

The club runs every Saturday from 7th September 2024 10 – 12.30pm

Sessions will run at the Railway Land Nature Reserve, Lewes, with occasional visits to other local sites. There will always be a minimum of two leaders delivering sessions.

We are able to provide this club FREE thanks to National Lottery's Reaching Communities funding.

Main Areas of Responsibility

Assistant:

To represent the Railway Land Wildlife Trust positively and professionally at all times

In collaboration with the Junior Rangers Leader, to deliver and evaluate a range of fun outdoor and land care activities.

To follow all health and safety protocols, and to report any health and safety concerns to Head of Learning or CEO as soon as practical

Person Specification

Qualifications

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

Enhanced DBS or willingness for us to apply on your behalf prior to commencement of work

Experience

Supporting the delivery of engaging, fun and relatable land care and /or outdoor activities with children or young people, with a focus on quality connection with the natural world

Delivering information engagingly and clearly, and setting and maintaining boundaries in a natural environment

Using simple hand tools to deliver land care and/or bushcraft activities with children or young people, following best practice safety guidelines

Holding the wellbeing of participants at all times as a core aspect of nature connection

Putting H&S into practice in the outdoor environment to ensure the safety of staff, volunteers and participants

Knowledge

Knowledge of local species and natural habitats including wetlands, woodland, and meadow and basic management of these habitats

Knowledge of a wide range of nature based outdoor activities that aid exploration and help inform about the natural world

Knowledge of safeguarding principles and procedures

Skills and Attributes

Positive 'can –do' attitude

Confidence to adapt plans at short notice in response to group dynamic or weather

Willingness to undertake relevant training, including safeguarding training

Team player with initiative

Confidence in basic IT communications including email, MS Word

Please contact Milly Hawkins with any queries: education@railwaylandproject.org

Closing date for applications: 21st July 2024, midnight

Date for interview: Thursday 25th July