

Schools Outreach Assistant - Caithness and Sutherland

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| Region: | North Scotland |
| Role Type: | Schools Outreach Assistant |
| Places available | Multiple (volunteer pool) |
| Where: | Caithness and Sutherland |
| When: | All year |
| Commitment: | Variable, timing will be subject to schools availability |
| Duration: | Ongoing |

Why We Want You: We are looking for a number of voluntary Schools Outreach Assistants to help deliver the Flow Country for Schools learning programme at schools in Caithness or Sutherland.

The Flow Country for Schools programme aims to inspire, engage and enthuse young people to learn more about the Flow Country peatlands, including their value as a carbon store and the need for conservation.

As a Schools Outreach Assistant you will assist the Flows to the Future Project's Learning Officer with delivering education activities at local schools and on areas of peatland nearby. We would like you to assist with offering positive first-hand experiences of the natural world to children, through field teaching as well as classroom activities. We would be grateful if you could also help with preparation of materials at times.

What's In It For You: This is the perfect opportunity for you to gain further experience in environmental education and field teaching. Working with young people can be extremely rewarding. All of our activities are fun, exciting and engaging. Working with different groups also means an activity will never run the same twice.

You will learn what it takes to prepare, deliver and follow-up learning activities, both indoors and outdoors. You will also gain experience in problem solving and learning to cope with the unexpected.

You could be working with both primary and secondary schools, as well as young people in other settings such as youth groups. We will provide formal and informal training appropriate to the role, such as child safety and welfare, risk assessment, and health and safety. Necessary agreed expenses will be reimbursed.

Requirements:

You will need to be at least 18 yrs old.

This is a great role for anyone who enjoys working with young people, and can show enthusiasm for the environment. Having some knowledge of the local landscape would be a bonus. A friendly and engaging personality and good communication skills are essential for this role. You should be able to demonstrate initiative and have organisational skills.

The ability to work outdoors in a remote area and as part of a small, flexible team is essential.

Notes:

It is possible to combine this volunteer role with the role of learning assistant and we would encourage you to apply for both.

This volunteer opportunity is part of the Peatlands Partnership's Flows to the Future Project which runs until September 2019.

More information about the project can be found at

<http://www.theflowcountry.org.uk>.

In line with the RSPB Child Safety & Welfare Policy, all applicants are subject to a PVG Scheme registration check from the Central Registered Body in Scotland (CRBS). References will also be taken up. Once you register an interest we can help sort this all out for you.

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