

Volunteer Role Description

Volunteer Role:

Citizen Scientist Volunteer

Base:

Bryngarw Country Park

Your Volunteer Lead:

Country Park Supervisor

DBS:

N/A

Aim of volunteer role:

Awen Cultural Trust is a registered charity. Our purpose is to 'make people's lives better'. We do this 'by providing opportunity for people and communities to experience, enjoy and be inspired together, by culture'.

There are so many positive aspects to volunteering; you will meet people of all ages and backgrounds, have new experiences and play an active role in your local community. We have a thriving and

friendly team of volunteers who help to support us, but we're always on the lookout for more people.

We'll make sure you have the appropriate training, support and instruction to get the most out of your volunteering experience with us.

We are looking for individuals with a passion for nature and recording wildlife. You will be instrumental in recording species at Bryngarw Country Park and the development of a biological record database.

In this role, you will:

- Contributing to wildlife monitoring and recording - this will include; butterfly transects, moth trapping, vegetation monitoring, nest box surveys, mammal field signs monitoring and more!
- Data recording and data input onto excel spreadsheets.
- Assist with the upkeep of equipment, ensuring equipment is used properly and reporting any faults.



The volunteer:

No previous knowledge is required as training and equipment will be provided. However, this role will suit you if you have

- Are enthusiastic, reliable and willing to learn new skills
- Have a good level of general fitness, as the survey areas are large and the terrain is uneven
- Are proactive and able to work with minimum supervision under the direction of the Country Park Ranger team
- Can follow H&S guidelines appropriate to the role
- Can keep clear and accurate records and have good attention to detail
- Have basic computer skills
- Enjoy outdoor working in all conditions



Time and commitment requirements:

- Volunteering shifts will vary and will be discussed with you prior to placement.
- The minimum volunteering expected is once a month, but more frequent volunteering and work experience/Duke of Edinburgh applications are very welcome.

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Guidance, support and training

- A volunteer induction will be provided, as well as training for the use of any equipment.
- Further support and training will be agreed depending on specific tasks and volunteer needs.
- Where applicable, equipment and/or materials will be provided for the related volunteer tasks.
- Access to Awen Learn digital platform for compliance and personal development training is provided.



What's in it for you

- This is an excellent opportunity to work within a National Forest of Wales.
- You will be part of a friendly and dedicated team with plenty of opportunities to meet new people.
- Improved knowledge of species and environments within Bryngarw Country Park.
- The opportunity to achieve skills in wildlife ID, ecology studies, monitoring and data gathering/analysis and reporting/producing useful reports for reserve management and marketing.
- Developing your skills and experience
- Using your skills and interests.
- Meeting new people
- Awen Volunteering benefits
- Supporting your local community and helping others.
- Uniform will be provided for regular volunteers.



Further Information:

We have a number of different volunteering opportunities and information can be obtained from our Ranger Team.



What to do if you're interested in this volunteer role:

- Please email volunteering@awen-wales.com and the volunteer lead will be in touch for a chat.