

# Volunteer Role Description

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## **Volunteer Role:**

Volunteer Education Assistant

## **Base:**

Bryngarw Country Park

## **Your Volunteer Lead:**

Country Park Supervisor

## **DBS:**

Yes

## **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 friendly, outgoing people who would like to be directly involved in shaping our visitors' unforgettable experiences through a warm welcome, interacting with them through engaging activities and talks, and providing information.

## In this role, you will:

- Engaging with learners during their session and assisting them with practical tasks such as pond dipping, using binoculars and minibeast hunting.
- Engaging with learners during walks, pointing out interesting features in the park, reiterating information from the leader to in-bed learners understanding
- Assisting with set up and pack down of activities and general clean up after school visits.
- Meeting and greeting schools when they arrive.
- Leading a small group during our Nature Walks session (all groups accompanied by at least one member of staff from the visiting school, there will be no expectation to be unaccompanied)

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## The volunteer:

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

- An enthusiasm for the natural world and sharing this with others.
- Ability to communicate effectively with children.
- Willingness to work outside in most weather conditions. Please note the role will require some lifting, bending and other reasonable physical activities.
- Excellent and reliable time management to ensure that sessions are ready to run on time and with all equipment ready 5-10 minutes before sessions are due to start.
- Ability to work well with other AWEN staff and volunteers.
- A generally happy, warm, and welcoming disposition.
- A good basic knowledge of UK wildlife, conservation and nature.

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## Time and commitment requirements:

- Approximately 4 hours, one day per week in term time. This will depend on the number of classes attending. (9:30am-1:30pm)

## 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.
- Access to Awen Learn digital platform for compliance and personal development training.

## What's in it for you

- This is an excellent opportunity to work within a National Forest of Wales.
- Using your skills and interests.
- 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.
- Gain experience working with children.
- Suitable uniform is provided for regular volunteers.
- Awen Volunteering Benefits
- Training opportunities will be provided.

## Further Information:

- Please note that the exact hours you are able to contribute will be discussed prior to placement.
- This position is entirely voluntary and is therefore unpaid. Travel expenses are not paid. Any offer of a volunteer placement is not intended to create a legally binding contract between us and any agreement may be cancelled at any time at the discretion of either party. Neither of us intends any employment relationship to be created either now or at any time in the future.

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

- Please email [volunteering@awen-wales.com](mailto:volunteering@awen-wales.com) and the volunteer lead will be in touch for a chat.