

# South West Peak Landscape Partnership Volunteer Role Description



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Volunteer role title	<b>Wildchild Volunteer</b>
Purpose of your role	To assist in the delivery of the WildChild environmental play activities and events for children aged between 6 months and 13 years old across a variety of green spaces within the South West Peak.
Location of position	Various locations (subject to change) including and not limited to The Roaches, Macclesfield Forest, Gradbach, Lyme Park, Buxton Pavilion Gardens, Longnor.
Responsible to	Natalie Hollamby Wildchild Officer
Volunteer responsibilities	<p>Volunteer responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist in the delivery of WildChild events such as Wildlings, Wildplay #GetWild and Wildfamilies.</li> <li>• Engage with and enthuse children and families in the South West Peak on a regular basis.</li> <li>• Help to run safe and enjoyable activity sessions.</li> <li>• Assist in the delivery of 'in school' sessions such as play based afterschool clubs.</li> <li>• Assist with the setting up/take down of events/activities including moving/transporting kit to site.</li> <li>• To work with the Wildchild Officer or Wildchild sessionals.</li> <li>• To work in accordance with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's health and safety policy.</li> </ul>
Essential skills you would need for the role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of working with young people in informal settings.</li> <li>• Excellent communication skills</li> <li>• Good team working skills</li> <li>• Good interpersonal skills</li> <li>• Awareness of the legal and Health and Safety issues relating to working with young people</li> <li>• Self-motivation and enthusiasm</li> <li>• Assertiveness and credibility</li> <li>• Physically fit and able to lift kit boxes</li> </ul>
Desirable skills that will assist you in the role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First aid certificate</li> <li>• Experience of delivering outdoor or environmental education activities to groups of children and/or young people</li> <li>• An interest in environmental issues in particular biodiversity and nature conservation</li> <li>• Awareness of the wider South West Peak Landscape Partnership project and of the aims of the Wildchild project.</li> </ul>
Times/days we would like you to be able to help us	Whenever there is a WildChild event scheduled.

	Events will fall on the WildChild Officer's working days which are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays with occasional weekend events.
Start date	Asap
End date	Ongoing (until end of 2021)
Minimum age	18+
Driving licence required	Yes – in order to travel to specific event sites
Has the DBS Risk Assessment for the role been completed?	<p>The nature of the post, involving frequent contact with young people, means that the post holder must be prepared to undergo a DBS check (Disclosure and Barring Service) and provide appropriate references in relation to his or her suitability to work with children.</p> <p>A volunteer cannot commence volunteering until the DBS check has been completed.</p>
Training and support	Access to complete Safeguarding Training via e-learning modules- this is a requirement before you can assist with any Wildchild events.
Reimbursement of expenses	<p>Out of pocket travel expenses can be reimbursed for travel to and from your place of volunteering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mileage costs @ 40p per mile cars (24p/mile motorbikes, 20p/mile pedal cycles up to a maximum of £10 per journey.</li> <li>• Bus and train tickets will be reimbursed only upon receipt of ticket/proof of purchase.</li> </ul> <p>Please note that if you use your own vehicle whilst driving on behalf of the SWPLP, you will need to provide evidence of business insurance and MOT.</p>
Benefits to volunteer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To work in spectacular locations throughout the South West Peak such as the Roaches, Macclesfield Forest and Lyme Park.</li> <li>• To improve their play delivery or to improve confidence of play delivery.</li> <li>• To gain ideas and new skills to be able to increase the quality of playtime at home.</li> <li>• To meet lots of interesting new people and interact with a whole range of audiences.</li> <li>• Contribute to providing exciting opportunities for families and children and inspire the next generation about the great outdoors and the South West Peak!</li> </ul>
Application Process	<p>Apply online using the application form available here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.southwestpeak.co.uk/volunteering">https://www.southwestpeak.co.uk/volunteering</a></p>