

Volunteer Role Description

Volunteer Role	Education Volunteer
Purpose of the Education Volunteer role	<p>Education volunteers are individuals with a passion for the environment and engaging with young people. The role supports our Broads Authority Education Officer with school engagements. You will focus on an array of educational subjects and volunteer with a variety of children from different backgrounds. There will be times when you come into contact with children excluded from mainstream education who find it easier to engage in an outdoor setting. If you think you have what it takes to inspire young people then this could be for you.</p>
Education Volunteer responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping with the preparation, delivery and follow up of environmental education sessions at a range of indoor and outdoor sites throughout the Broads. • Groups are primary school age through to young adult and include children not in mainstream education. • Tasks may include leading groups in the field, explaining practical activities, supervising safe procedures, carrying equipment and developing new activities. • Practical activities may include pond dipping, leading environmental games, practical conservation activities, helping with bush craft, geocaching and map work activities.
Essential skills needed as an Education Volunteer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enthusiasm and good communication skills. • A calm approach. • Willingness to volunteer with children, young adults and adults from a wide range of backgrounds, and with differing abilities. • A capacity for understanding the needs of others. • A sense of fun.
Desirable skills that may help as an Education Volunteer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A willingness to learn and develop new activities. • Some natural history identification skills or background knowledge of wetland habitats may be helpful but are not essential.
Where you will be based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Broads Authority delivers education activities across the whole of the Broads area on several sites. • Volunteers are encouraged to assist at a variety of locations.
Times/days we would like you to be able to help us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is hoped that volunteers can help for at least 2 full days per month in peak season (April to October). • With less volunteer help needed (one day a month) 'off peak'.

Minimum age	18 years
Do I need a driving licence?	No, but it is the responsibility of the volunteer to get to the teaching location.
What training will I receive?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role Specific Induction. • All volunteers are asked to complete induction training including Safety Training, About the Broads and UK National Parks and Volunteering Essentials modules and a refresher once every 3 years. This may include first aid training if relevant to the role. • Following this Education Volunteers will receive 'while volunteering' role-specific training as appropriate. • You may also be offered additional external training if the skill is required.
How to apply	<p>Volunteer opportunities are advertised on the Broads Authority website and on our social media platforms. You can also be added to an email alerts list to let you know when opportunities become available:</p> <p>volunteering@broads-authority.gov.uk</p>