

Location: Field Studies Council [Insert Location]

Join our volunteer community

Are you looking for a meaningful way to support people and the environment?

At Field Studies Council, our volunteers help inspire people of all ages to connect with and care for the natural world. Whether you are sharing your time, skills, or energy, we would love to welcome you to our team.

What you will be doing

Your role as a volunteer will vary depending on the needs of the centre where you are volunteering, your availability and where possible, your interests.

The work is varied, and we'll do our best to match tasks with the things you enjoy, whilst also making sure the Centre gets the support it needs.

In this role you may get involved in areas such as:

- Helping to maintain wildlife-friendly gardens and habitats
- Supporting basic DIY or repair tasks around the learning location
- General gardening (weeding, planting, watering, pruning)
- Pathway and outdoor area maintenance
- Supporting with day-to-day tasks
- Assisting with seasonal projects and special initiatives

We will work with you to shape your volunteer experience and find the right fit.

What you will get from volunteering

Volunteering with us is a two-way experience. In return for your time, we offer:

- A warm welcome and ongoing support from our staff and volunteer team
- An introduction to the Field Studies Council and your volunteer role
- Training and development opportunities to build your confidence and skills with ongoing support
- The chance to connect with others and be part of a community
- Opportunities to get active outdoors, learn new things, and contribute to something meaningful

Depending on your volunteering hours and location, we may also be able to provide:

- Accommodation if you volunteer for extended periods
- Reimbursement of pre agreed reasonable expenses

What we are looking for

You do not need to be an expert – just bring a friendly attitude, a willingness to get involved, and a passion for the environment. We will guide you every step of the way. We welcome volunteers from all walks of life, there is no ‘ideal’ background. If you are friendly, reliable, and open to new experiences, you will fit right in. Respect for others, regardless of background or beliefs, is essential to helping create a welcoming and inclusive environment.

We ask volunteers to

- Support our values to help everyone become more curious, knowledgeable, passionate, and caring about the environment
- Work collaboratively with staff, volunteers, and visitors
- Follow our guidance on health and safety, safeguarding, and inclusion
- Let us know in advance if you are unable to attend a planned session

Some roles may involve working with children or adults at risk, so we may ask for an enhanced DBS (or equivalent) check. We also request two references

before you start, these do not need to be from formal employers; personal or character references are welcome.

Our commitment to you

We aim to help all our volunteers feel valued, included, and supported. We will:

- Treat volunteers with respect, fairness, and appreciation
- Provide appropriate training and ongoing support
- Offer a safe and welcoming environment
- Support your wellbeing throughout your volunteering journey

We are proud to be an equal opportunities organisation and welcome volunteers from all backgrounds.

Inclusion and support

We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive volunteer team that reflects the communities we serve. We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds and experiences. Please let us know how we can support you to get involved, we are committed to making volunteering accessible and enjoyable for everyone. We are happy to provide reasonable adjustments and flexible scheduling.