

Volunteer Role Description

Family Learning Assistant – Cockington Country Park

Family Learning Assistants play an important role in our events and learning programmes. They help with activities that raise awareness of the natural environment and the local history of Cockington and surrounding area. They encourage visitor involvement and engagement at our events by assisting with family activities, crafts or demonstrations.

What this volunteering role offers you

Volunteering for the Trust as a Family Learning Assistant gives you the chance to:

- develop your people skills;
- work as part of a friendly and supportive team;
- share your passion for outdoor learning, wildlife and conservation to encourage others to take action and to become reconnected with the landscape around them;
- increase your knowledge and understanding of Torbay's natural environment;
- learn more about the work of the Trust and
- gain experience of outdoor learning and environmental education.

There may be opportunities to work alongside other organisations at the Trust's partnership events. You will also have the opportunity to participate in special events and activities run exclusively for volunteers.

Main Tasks

As a Family Learning Assistant you can expect to be helping with a variety of tasks. We will usually agree your role before the session/event.

- Assist with delivery of activities at events run by the Trust or its partners
- Run simple family activities or crafts
- Help with setting up for and/or packing up following an event
- Assist with preparation for activities,
- Engage with families and children at events, ensuring that they enjoy their visit and have the opportunity to learn about their surroundings
- Provide support to Trust staff leading guided walks and events

As part of your role we will ask you to observe Trust policies and procedures, in particular:

- Observe all Health and Safety requirements as directed by members of staff
- Become familiar with and follow the Trust's policy on Safeguarding at all times

You may be required to have a Disclosure and Barring Service check for this role.

About you

This is an ideal role for anyone who:

- Enjoys meeting new people
- Is enthusiastic and friendly
- Has good organisational and time management skills
- Is reasonably confident in themselves
- Has a responsible attitude
- Has an enthusiasm and passion for the work of the Trust

- Is flexible and willing to work outdoors
- Likes working as part of a team
- Is able to work under their own initiative
- Enjoys working with children and is keen to help them learn more about the natural environment and local heritage

If you have specific skills and experience that you think might be useful – such as working with children, leading workshops or outdoor learning – please let us know when you apply.

Location	Most events take place at Cockington Country Park, Torquay, TQ2 6XA. Occasional events and activities may take place in the wider Torbay area.
Time Commitment	Hours can vary depending on the time of year, with both full and part-day events/sessions. The Trust holds daytime and evening events/sessions. All hours will be pre-arranged with you. A minimum commitment of 2 events/sessions per quarter is suggested.
Volunteer Manager	Hannah Worthington – Green Heart Access Officer
Training/Resources	All our volunteers receive an induction where they are given appropriate training and information relevant to their role and the tasks they will undertake. There may be opportunities to participate in further training as required for individual roles and/or volunteers.
Expenses	Out-of-pocket travel expenses between your home and the volunteering place will be paid, as agreed in advance.
Accessibility	By car: Car parks in Cockington Village and at Higher Lodge. By bus: Number 12 to Cockington Lane (then follow walking instructions). Number 62 to Cockington Village (Mon-Sat). On foot: From Torbay seafront, walk up Cockington Lane and through the Watermeadows on the boardwalk (20 mins). Not suitable for wheelchairs.

About Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust

Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust is a registered charity formed in 1999 to protect and enhance Torbay's unique and special natural and built heritage. The Trust exists because Torbay has an outstanding natural environment and heritage that needs special care and attention. Our aim is to provide a high quality environment where people and wildlife can flourish. We care for 1750 acres of land, which includes 76% of Torbay's Public Open Space, 88% of Torbay's Natural Greenspace and 50% of Torbay's beautiful coastline. And our activities are wide-ranging but all link to a clear goal of environmental, social and economic regeneration.

What to do if you are interested

If you would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer and helping the Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust look after Torbay's special green spaces you can contact us in the following ways:

Email: info@countryside-trust.org.uk

Telephone: **01803 520022**

You can also download a registration form from the volunteering pages on our website: www.countryside-trust.org.uk

All these arrangements are binding in honour only and not intended to be legally binding.