

JOB DESCRIPTION – TRAINEE ENGAGEMENT RANGER

TITLE:	Trainee Engagement Ranger
REPORTS TO:	Education Officer
BENEFITS INCLUDE:	Free accommodation, in-house training and support and training budget for external courses.
HOURS:	The successful candidate would ideally volunteer for around 9-12 months, 30 hours per week including some evenings and weekends on a rota basis
LOCATION:	Based at Occombe Farm, Paignton but engagement work throughout Torbay
ABOUT US:	<p>Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust is a local, independent charity dedicated to looking after some of Torbay's most important wildlife and heritage sites. Our aims are to protect land, conserve nature and strengthen the bonds between the people and the natural world of Torbay.</p> <p>We manage 1750 acres of country parks, nature reserves, woodland, farmland and coastline in Torbay, including Berry Head National Nature Reserve, Cockington Country Park and Occombe Farm as well as much of the English Riviera Geopark.</p> <p>Occombe Farm is one of the Trust's main sites and it is where the Trust HQ is located. Occombe is a 150 acre organic farm (beef cattle and sheep) with a brand new farm shop, café refurbishment, play barn and animal encounter area. The overall aim of the farm is to reconnect people with food and farming.</p> <p>The Trust's education team run a wide range of public events ranging from toddler explorer, children's cookery classes and adult wildlife workshops. The education team also run a varied activity programme for schools across seashore, farmland, woodland, historical sites throughout the bay. These sessions include day visits for school children aged 4 years and up, including horticulture, cookery, wildlife and forest school activities.</p> <p>We also manage Warren Barn a residential camping barn set in Cockington Country Park, which hosts up to 46 students many participating in education activities with the team across Occombe Farm and Cockington Country Park.</p>

	For more information about Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust and the education teams work please visit http://www.countryside-trust.org.uk/ .
MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting the Education team on the planning, delivery and evaluation of public events across Trust sites • Assisting the Education team on the planning, delivery and evaluation of school educational activities across Trust sites • Assisting the Education team on the planning, delivery and evaluation of residential stays at Warren Barn • Helping to maintain the farm garden including polytunnels, vegetable beds and wildlife friendly areas • Providing information to the public about the environment of Torbay through public engagement events, visitor centre and exhibitions when required • Assisting where necessary in the management of casual volunteers • Maintaining displays and equipment and the overall appearance of the Trust's education sites, this will include day to day maintenance work • Adhering to all administrative and financial procedures relating to events, school visits and activities • Observe all Health and Safety requirements as directed by the Education team • Ensuring that legal, statutory and other relevant provisions governing or affecting the work are complied with • Undertaking any other duties as may be assigned from time to time • Include working regular weekends and some evenings on a rota basis
WHAT WE OFFER:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-12 Month Training Programme • Free ensuite accommodation in Gamekeepers Cottage, Cockington Country Park • £1000 training budget for external courses • Full induction and role specific training • Work experience in a successful organisation that will demonstrate your abilities and commitment to future employers • Full mentorship throughout your placement from an experienced member of staff guiding you through your professional development including support with job applications and references for future employers • Networking opportunities within the organisation, partner organisations and other organisations that work within the same sector

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PLACEMENT SKILLS RECEIVED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing, delivering & evaluating environmental education school specific • Developing, delivering & evaluating a range of public events • Basic wildlife ID skills in particular; marine flora and fauna, invertebrates & birds • Basic horticulture skills (Farm garden) • First aid certificate & experience in health & safety • Event marketing & advertising • Office administration • Training budget for external courses • Volunteer management
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Person Specification

TRAINEE ENGAGEMENT RANGER

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 A-C GCSE's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualified to degree level/ diploma in a relevant subject
EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working and interacting with the general public, children and young people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously worked with and led educational activities for children and the public • Previous experience working with farm animal
KNOWLEDGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to demonstrate knowledge of environmental conservation • Understanding of the principles and benefits of organic livestock and arable farming processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate knowledge of the national curriculum • Demonstrate knowledge of the benefits of outdoor education and sustainability

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SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to work as part of a team and follow instruction • Good verbal communication skills • An unbiased approach to people and an ability to deal with people of all ages and backgrounds • Ability to work in an organised and responsible manner both individually and working with others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artistic and creative skills
OTHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible approach to volunteering hours including weekends and evenings on a rota basis • Willingness to work in the field in all weathers • Desire to learn and improve on skills • Able to commit for at least 9 months • Full current clean driving licence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of own vehicle

If you would like to apply for the position please complete an application form and return to jobs@countryside-trust.org.uk or by post to Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust, Occombe Farm, Preston Down Road, Paignton, Devon, TQ3 1RN.

Closing date for applications: Midnight Monday 10th January 2022

Interview date: Wednesday 19th January 2022

Start Date: Monday 14th February 2022

Any applicants who have not heard from us by the date of the interview should consider their application unsuccessful. Please note that these are volunteer positions and do not constitute employment and no employment contract or related rights will arise out of any appointment to these positions.

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