

Grizedale

Volunteering Opportunities

We have long and short term opportunities, casual or regular days. You can volunteer in one role, or across roles, depending on your interests and skills.

Making, Mending and Minding

How you can help us

To assist the forest ranger teams with hands-on practical tasks and / or patrolling way-marked routes and trails within the forest and / or wildlife conservation projects.

What you could be doing

Taking part in practical work parties, forest trail (walking and mountain biking) and general forest maintenance tasks to enhance the forest for wildlife and people. At times throughout the year there will also be opportunities to help the wildlife ranger team with their work, including monitoring projects.

What skills / experience you need

You need enthusiasm and the ability to work and communicate well within a team. Practical skills relevant to this area of work are welcomed but not essential – training will be provided where necessary.

Education and Events

How you can help us

Supporting the learning and events programme at Grizedale. This will include, in particular, the delivery of 'drop-in' events and 'show and tell' activities in The Yan, our forest learning centre – working with people of all ages, but especially families.

What you would be doing

Initially you will assist with the delivery of events, but roles can expand to being responsible for the delivery and assisting with development of future family events.

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What skills / experience you need

You will need to be a good communicator, enjoy working with a wide range and age of people, have good interpersonal skills, be enthusiastic, have an interest in the natural world and environmental issues and a desire to share this with other people – the rest can be learnt 'on-the-job'!

Other information

As you will be working with children and the general public a CRB check maybe a requirement.

All about Art

How you can help us

Assisting the Grizedale team in developing and managing the internationally renowned sculpture in the forest programme

What you would be doing

There are a number of ways in which you could help: Supporting the arts education programme; research and development of the Arts Archive, cataloguing the sculptures and writing briefing notes for each of them.

What skills / experience you need

Enthusiasm and interest in art and sculpture in a natural setting; Good communications skills; Computer literacy would be helpful if you are interested in assisting with the archive and in cataloguing.

Meeter and Greeter

How you can help us

Supporting the Visitor Centre staff in providing an all round excellent visitor experience. Assist staff in providing information and advice to customers about

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the activities they can do, as well as sharing knowledge and enthusiasm about the forest and 'what's of interest' in it.

What you would be doing

You would meet and greet visitors on arrival at Grizedale. You would provide general and specific information i.e. site orientation, history of the site, local amenities, directions. You would get to know our on-site partners, enabling you to encourage visitors to visit the café, Grizedale Mountain Bikes and Go Ape!

What skills / experience you need

You will need to love talking to people and have excellent interpersonal and communication skills. A positive, optimistic attitude and a big friendly smile is essential! Although helpful, experience of working in a customer focussed environment is not essential, as training can be provided.

Other information

A good local knowledge would be desirable and knowledge of the forest itself would be helpful, although this can all be learnt on the job.

The centre is open 7 days a week, so we really welcome volunteers who can give us some of their time during weekends & bank holidays, as well as mid-week.

Full-time Volunteer Placements

Each year we have 2 full-time volunteer placement opportunities, suitable for graduates or people looking for gain significant experience and skills, enabling career development. These roles can be taken for up to 12 months and a room in a shared house is available rent free (£40/month contribution to bills). Keep an eye out on our website to see if a vacancy exists.

For further information on any of these roles, please contact:

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