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Volunteer role description

Role title:	Keeping it Wild Volunteer Team Member (open to 13-25 yrs)
Team/Group:	Keeping it Wild/ People and Wildlife
Your volunteer leader:	Laura Bacon – Audience Development Officer (youth and community)
Volunteering base:	Our city centre offices with regular outdoor activity on sites across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire plus outside the county for an annual residential.

Why we need this role

Young people are **vitaly important** to the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's mission to protect wildlife and to enhance habitats and the environment. We are passionate about offering exciting and valuable opportunities for young people, enabling them to make a positive difference through practical activities, get involved in our campaigns and learn new skills by meeting and working alongside our team and staff.

We believe young people are our champions now and importantly in the future. Our 'Keeping it Wild' youth volunteering project offers a fantastic energy to our campaigns and wildlife work, inspiring Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust with new ideas and taking part in our work with passion and energy.

What this role involves

As a member of the 'Keeping it Wild' team, this volunteering role for 13 – 25yrs is about **active** participation.

The 'Keeping it Wild' youth team meets on a regular basis to carry out a wide variety of activities which can involve helping with wildlife work and monitoring nature, community events, practical conservation, campaigning and fundraising.

Whilst we often meet at our Wildlife Trust offices for meet-ups in Nottingham city, we also do plenty of activity outdoors and we ask young people to be prepared and to dress for the weather. Depending on the activity, we recommend wearing something not too precious (which can get messy), with sturdy footwear or wellies when required.

We provide branded clothing for new team members and all the tools and personal protective equipment such as gloves.

Experience and skills needed

No specialist skills are required we just request our team members to be **motivated, passionate** and **enthusiastic** about the environment and wildlife.

New members need to feel able to work as part of a team to help improve the environment and to encourage others to do so and be willing to try new things and learn new skills whilst having great fun too!

Benefits and training opportunities

You will:

- Meet new people and make new friends.
 - Have fun and be part of a team that makes a real difference.
 - Be able to take part in many unique special opportunities and see some amazing wildlife, like witnessing tawny owl chicks being ringed or seeing badgers being vaccinated, with local experts.
 - Meet other young people from Wildlife Trusts around the UK and go on trips/experiences.
 - Help protect your local environment in a hands-on way, encouraging more people to care about wildlife in the future.
 - Feel more connected to nature, the community and Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.
 - Represent the trust and help plan events, projects and campaigns.
 - Gain valuable experience in many areas that will help you with your future career/learning paths, your personal development and gain valuable life skills.
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Commitment

There is no time commitment to being a member we just ask that you come as often as you can (we programme weekly activities in the evenings and on weekends). We encourage and support you to consider new opportunities as you reach the upper age limit of the group. New opportunities could be to become a volunteer activity leader.

Duration of role

Ongoing until you reach the upper age limit.

References required?

No references are required, but if you are under the age of 18yrs we request consent from a parent or guardian.

All volunteers are asked to agree to our [Volunteer Code of Conduct](#)

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