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## Volunteer role description

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**Role title:** Youth Trustee (aged 18-25)  
**Team/Group:**  
**Volunteering base:** The Old Ragged School (TORS)

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### Why we need this role

Do you want to help Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust work to inspire, empower and enable people to connect with and take action for nature?

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust (NWT) is working towards ensuring that in Nottinghamshire:

**“People are thriving because of nature” and “Nature is thriving because of people”**

To achieve this goal our governance needs to reflect the people we work for – the people of Nottinghamshire. This includes our youth community.

You will help shape NWT’s work to directly inspire, empower and enable people to connect with and take action for nature, where they live or work.

As a Trustee, you will contribute actively to the direction, policy and performance of Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust. You will shape the future of the organisation and help to hold the organisation to its aims.

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### What this role involves

#### Being a Trustee – what does it mean?

As a Trustee, your role involves shaping the future of the Trust. Trustee is a voluntary position.

Your main responsibilities will be:

- Ensuring NWT is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit
- Ensure you and NWT comply with NWTs governing document and the law (this is explained in more detail in the trustees pack)
- To act solely in NWTs best interests
- To help manage NWTs resources responsibly
- To act with care and skill

#### Attending and contributing to Trustee meetings

The Trustees meet six times per year, usually at The Old Ragged School in Sneinton Market in the evening.

The meetings are an opportunity to provide strategic-level input, support and crucially challenge in relation to Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's work.

Being a Trustee means being willing to offer the benefit of your knowledge and ideas to provide advice, support and assistance to the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust when required. This won't be an onerous time commitment, but you will need to give enough time, thought and energy to your role, for example by scrutinising Council papers, attending and actively participating in all trustees' meetings, and potentially sometime between meetings.

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### Person specification

- Aged 18- 25 years
- A proactive person
- Someone who will bring new ideas and perspective to our Board of Trustees
- A great communicator
- Someone who listens and acts fairly
- Willing to understand and take on the duties and responsibilities of being a trustee

We are looking for someone with passion for or interest in any of the following;

- Wildlife
  - Conservation
  - Youth Work
  - Communications, marketing and/or campaigning
  - Diversity and inclusion
  - Education
  - Health and wellbeing
  - Community engagement/voluntary work
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### Benefits and training opportunities

- Help shape the future of Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust at a strategic level
  - Be part of a dynamic and energetic youth team
  - The chance to connect and engage with 'Keeping it Wild', Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's city-based youth group for 13-25 year olds
  - An opportunity to make a difference in your community and to your local wild spaces
  - Work as part of a team bringing nature to a broad and diverse audience in Nottinghamshire
  - Experience in the guidance of a local charity
  - Enhance your CV and experience by developing skills such as strategic thinking, leadership and giving feedback
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### Commitment

- Completing an induction process and trustee training
- Six meetings per year, plus potential additional social events.

We recognise that you may occasionally need to attend meetings virtually, which is fully supported

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If you feel this is too much of a commitment, but you would still like to get involved with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, there are plenty of other valuable opportunities. Get in touch with us to find out more.

Is this your first time volunteering as a Trustee? We will provide you with a fellow Trustee mentor, as well as a full induction to Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust. We are aiming to appoint 2 youth trustees, this is to enable you to support each other, share experiences and opportunities together.

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### Duration of role

We are ideally looking for volunteers who would commit to being a trustee for 1-2 years.

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### References required?

No

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

<https://www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org/get-involved>