

Freelance Opportunity: Woodland Volunteer Development and Upskilling Pilot Project

Castlemilk Park is in the heart of Castlemilk and over the past 9 has been regenerated and utilised as a community space for events, activities, outdoor education, training, and skills development. This project has been designed in response to the aspirations of the current Castlemilk Park Volunteers, the Friends of Castlemilk Park Group, and the Cassiltoun's Youth Advisory Group, all of whom are passionate about the ongoing regeneration and development of the space. Cassiltoun Housing Association is committed to working alongside individuals and groups to realise such aspirations and so have secured funding for the delivery of this Woodland Volunteer Development and Upskilling Pilot Project with the ambition of securing more long term funding: this opportunity has been supported by Youth Scotland, Greenspace Scotland and the Linn Area Partnership Committee.

The rate is £13 per hour for 433 hours to be delivered between the end of June until December 2019, with the expectation of two days delivery per week. This is subject to satisfactory delivery.

You will be required to have:

- a good basic knowledge of woodland management, UK wildlife, habitats, and key species
- experience in practical conservation work
- excellent understanding of Health and Safety including use and maintenance of kit/equipment/tools with volunteers, risk assessments, and working outdoors
- experience of volunteer recruitment, support, and supervision
- experience of working with groups including adults and children
- availability on Tuesdays and one other week day
- a Strimmer Licence from an accredited source
- a full PVG (Children and Protected Adults)
- a in date First Aid Qualification
- an understanding of the range of reasons why people may want to volunteer and the ability to adapt and respond to these. For example as a; social activity, route to employment, recreational hobby or interest, work experience placement, way to stay active, etc.

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The role will involve:

- designing, delivering, and promoting a variety of volunteer sessions in Castlemilk Park with a range of opportunities to get involved (drop-in sessions, educational groups, community groups, etc)
- consulting with and responding to volunteer aspirations to ensure the project is community and volunteer led
- liaising with Cassiltoun's Community Team with regards to volunteer details and aspirations to enable the Team to organise the provision of volunteer development and upskilling sessions either internally or through partnership external agencies (for example, First Aid Training, LANTRA Strimmer Licence, Confidence Building, Woodland and Habitat Management, Species Identification)
- taking direction from the Community Woodland Officer with regards to woodland and habitat management tasks
- leading and supporting the completion of regular required tasks; strimming, leaf blowing, litter picking, removal of fly tipping, path and educational area maintenance, selective thinning, etc
- weekly meetings with the Community Woodland Officer
- monthly presentations to Cassiltoun's Youth Advisory Panel who have been instrumental in the design of this project and successfully accessing funding to ensure its delivery
- carrying out any other reasonable duties as agreed with the Community Woodland Officer

To register your interest in this opportunity, please send your CV, the reference of your most recent employer and a no more than one page statement including the below:

- why you are interested in this opportunity
- what will you bring to this role
- any other additional information

Please send the above to Paddy McKenna, Community Team Co-Ordinator, **by 5pm on Monday the 17th June**. Should your CV meet our criteria, you will be invited for an informal interview.

Interview Date: Thursday the 20th of June
Expected Start Date: Monday the 1st of July
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