

Volunteer Role Profile



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Youth Pathways Volunteer (for 13-25 year olds)

Volunteer Manager

Youth Pathways Officer

Where you will be based

Outdoors

Why we want you

Youth Pathways is an exciting opportunity to make an active contribution to the wildlife and wild spaces of Devon.

Each month, usually on the first Saturday, we will meet in Exeter and venture out to some of the most beautiful corners of Devon. We will carry out tasks both on Devon Wildlife Trust reserves and in partnership with Dartmoor and Exmoor National Parks, the National Trust, Woodland Trust and Forestry England, to make a difference to people and wildlife. Transport to and from sites, lunch, waterproofs and hot drinks provided.

Practical tasks will take place throughout the year and will focus on one of five areas:

- Conservation
- Media
- Plants and seeds
- Building spaces for wildlife
- Special species

What you will be doing

- Conservation work: Use tools to improve nature reserves for people and wildlife
- Media: Help us to capture and share stories about the Pine Marten project
- Special Species: Pine Martens, beavers... Find out what it takes to bring back endangered species.
- Plants and seeds: Learn about native woodlands through harvesting seeds and planting native trees and bulbs.
- Building spaces for nature: Learn rural craft skills and use tools to create spaces for wildlife

The skills you need

- No specific skills needed, just a willingness to give it a try!
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity are important to DWT. We recognise that some people may need additional support or adaptations to volunteer in this role. If this could be you, do please tell us.

What's in it for you

- Transport, waterproof clothing and lunch provided
- An opportunity to explore some of Devon's wonderful wild spaces
- A chance to make a real difference to your local environment
- Learn new skills
- Be a part of Devon Wildlife Trust's community, represent the trust and have opportunities to help plan your own projects or events if that interests you.
- Spend time outdoors and feel more connected to nature as well as the local community.
- Gain valuable experience for your CV to help with prospective careers or future goals.
- A chance to progress from being a young volunteer to becoming a Youth Mentor (18 +)
- A chance to aid Devon Wildlife Trust as we look to increase more engagement with young people, tell us what else you want!
- Opportunity to apply for one of four traineeships
- A chance to use your existing skills and knowledge
- A chance to work with our project partners which include Dartmoor and Exmoor National Parks, National Trust, Woodland Trust, Forestry England, Somerset Wildlife Trust.

Disclaimer

DWT gives health and safety advice which all participants will be required to follow. These will be explained to you - do ask if anything is unclear.