



Woodlands & Water 6-month Residential Volunteer – WW60319

Volunteer Role Description

5th March – 1st September

What does the Centre for Alternative Technology do?

The Centre for Alternative Technology, or CAT as it is affectionately known, aims to inspire, inform and enable people to achieve practical solutions for sustainability and to equip people with the skills, knowledge and understanding to help our society make this change.

We work towards this goal through our graduate school, visitor centre containing interactive displays demonstrating a wide range of sustainable technology, short courses, school and university visits, information service and Zero Carbon Britain reports.

What will you be doing?

As members of the Woodlands & Water Team, you will live and work at the Centre for Alternative Technology Visitor Centre, helping to manage our woodlands, our off-grid water and sanitation systems and make improvements around site using our natural resources.

This includes:

- Fence and gate building and installing
- Maintaining and improving CAT's off grid water and sanitation systems (e.g. replacing and installing pipes, changing filters, maintaining the reed beds)
- Biodiversity monitoring and surveys
- Tree inspections and maintenance (e.g. side pruning)
- Building and installing bird boxes
- Making charcoal
- Meadow maintenance (e.g. scything, removing bracken)
- Path maintenance
- Cutting firewood & kindling
- Invasive species control (e.g. rhododendron removal)
- Small tree felling
- Assisting with larger tree felling (e.g. snedding)
- Coppicing
- Processing coppice & other woodland products
- Tree planting

Residential volunteers work about 09:30 – 17:30 5 days a week, with breaks. Usually this is Monday to Friday, however you might do a shorter day one weekday to cover work that may be needed on a weekend day e.g. watering or open/closing polytunnels depending on the season and weather.

What does CAT provide?

- Initial and ongoing training as required.
- Support and direction from a woodlands & water Supervisor.
- An environment in which to develop new and existing skills.
- The opportunity to meet new people.
- Free onsite accommodation.
- Free breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- Free CAT membership for a year.
- 10% off most products in our Café and Shop.
- Free short course plus 50% off a second course.
- A certificate for your contribution to CAT.

Who are we looking for?

We're looking for people who:

- Are available to volunteer with us from Tuesday the 5th of March 2019 until the 1st of September 2019.
- Have experience or are comfortable:
 - o Working outdoors (whatever the weather)
 - o Living with others
- Are enthusiastic and keen to get stuck-in with tasks.
- Are friendly, polite and amenable to others.
- Are reliable and trustworthy
- Will follow their Supervisors instructions and CAT's policies and procedures.
- Have knowledge, interest or a willingness to learn about sustainability and CAT's work.

You will need the following up to date vaccinations and boosters:

- Diphtheria
- Polio
- Tetanus
- Hepatitis A

To apply, please fill in the below form using the code: WW060319

The deadline for this role is the 8th of January 2019.

After this deadline we will consider applications and contact successful applicants to come for a four-day trial at the end of January/beginning of February. 6 months of volunteering is a big commitment and we want to be sure that both you and the team are comfortable before continuing.

Upon a successful trial, we will invite you to start volunteering on the 5th of March 2019.

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