

HAINAULT FOREST



Education & Engagement Volunteer

Role Description

Who are we?

This role is with Vision Redbridge Culture and Leisure. You will be volunteering to assist a team of Rangers in Hainault Forest.

We are working in partnership with The Woodland Trust and London Borough of Redbridge to create an inspiring and welcoming Hainault Forest, for now and for the future. Located on the outskirts of East London, we're working hard to ensure the valuable wildlife and habitats of the forest are protected. We're creating a space for people – both local and from further afield - to connect with nature and enjoy the great outdoors, supported by reinvigorated facilities for learning, recreation, play and events.

What are we looking for?

We are welcoming volunteers to support our education and engagement programme at Hainault Forest. The Forest is an important place for people and wildlife, and we want to inspire people to care for and protect it. We host regular activities and events, as well as hosting school and community groups for guided educational sessions.

An education and engagement volunteer can take part in activities that vary in length (from 1hr guided walks to whole day school trips) on weekdays and/or weekends.

What will you be doing?

- Supporting events/activities for visitors such as minibeasting, guided walks, pond dipping and nature-based crafts
- Supporting the delivery of guided educational visits for schools and other groups
- Stationing in different parts of the site (for example the farm, the forest edge) to talk to visitors about nature, encouraging behaviours and answering questions.

What do you need to volunteer?

No previous experience is needed for the role, just a passion for protecting nature and sharing this with others.

- A friendly, welcoming attitude
- A passion for protecting the environment, and willingness to share this
- Happy to share information with members of the public, small groups & individuals

What will you get out of volunteering?

- The opportunity to inspire others to protect nature
- The chance to meet other like-minded people
- Any training that is required for the role (e.g. Safeguarding)
- Support from staff and volunteers
- Free on-site parking

Equality & Diversity

Vision is committed to encouraging equality and diversity among our teams and eliminating unlawful discrimination. Our teams should be truly representative of the diverse community they serve and for each employee, volunteer, and contactor to feel respected and able to give their best. Job/volunteer applications are considered solely on the basis of merit, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnic origin, religion, disability, marriage and civil partnership, sexual orientation, pregnancy/maternity or any other factors.

Apply

To apply, please complete our online volunteer application form [here](#)

Due to this role working closely with children and other vulnerable groups, we require volunteers to be 18+ and willing to have an enhanced DBS check and provide references prior to volunteering.

We will invite potential volunteers to an informal interview where we can chat about the role, availability, and answer any questions that you have. We look forward to welcoming our new Education & Engagement volunteers to Hainault Forest.

