

Volunteer Role Description

Volunteer Role:	Conservation Education Volunteer
Department:	Community and Learning
Location:	Whipsnade Zoo
ZSL Contact/ Supervisor:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">On the day: Senior Learning Officer/Learning OfficerGeneral support: Volunteer Management Team
Purpose of role/ project:	<p>This role will champion, promote and support educational, accessible and inclusive activity at Whipsnade Zoo through supporting educational activities as part of our summer engagement programme in June and July (School summer term 2).</p> <p>We are looking for volunteers to help support our Learning Officers deliver curriculum linked activities for all key stages from EYFS (early years) to KS3 (up to age 14) around the Zoo. These activities will be interactive, around 10 minutes in length and themed around either adaptations or conservation.</p>
Commitment of role:	<p>This is a project-based role – the volunteer will be present to support a particular event or a particular project.</p> <p>This volunteer role is flexible and can work around the days you are available. You don't need to volunteer on the same day each week and can do as much or as little as you wish, although we are asking for a minimum commitment of one day per week from Monday 2nd June – Wednesday 23rd July (Monday-Friday only). The core hours for this position are 9.30-2.30.</p> <p>You will also need to attend a 1-day induction and training session.</p>
Main tasks volunteer will be asked to undertake:	<p>Supporting Educational activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assist the Conservation Education Team to deliver a wide range of innovative learning activities to school groups during Monday-Friday UK term time.Engage groups who are waiting for their opportunity to participate in Learning Officer delivered activities (eg using props to gather interest, and speaking about the work of ZSL).Assist the Conservation Education Team with school arrivals and providing a positive and memorable experience for all.
Anticipated qualities, skills and experience that the volunteer will bring:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ability to work in a team and work collaboratively.Use initiative to engage groups waiting for activitiesGood communication skillsReliabilityComfortable to be outside in all weathers.Ability to demonstrate ZSL's values – inspiring, innovative, impactful, collaborative, ethical.Enthusiasm for working with a diverse audience including young people and those with additional needs <p>NB Volunteers must be aged over 18 years.</p>

Skills and experience volunteer will gain:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An opportunity to be involved in an international conservation charity. • Opportunity to gain skills and experience in informal schools' engagement • Training and an opportunity to learn new skills, gaining a valuable insight into this area of work. • Contributing to a critically important area of visitor engagement for ZSL. • A chance to volunteer in a beautiful natural environment, alongside our amazing animals.
Relevant training may include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction training session. • Health and Safety / Safeguarding training. • Ongoing regular training and briefings appropriate to the role. • Option to attend regular Zoo management/ZSL updates.
Support and resources provided:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centralised ZSL Volunteer Management Team • Named ZSL contact/supervisor • ZSL Volunteer uniform (to be returned at the end of the project) • Volunteer ID pass • Regular Staff and Volunteer e-newsletter. • Access to dedicated volunteer mess room with kitchen facilities. • Discounts at catering outlets around site. • Discounts in ZSL shop • Travel and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed up to £15 a day. • Support and training.
Workplace Conditions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of programmes and courses will be outside in all-weather conditions