



Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Young Ambassadors

About Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

Our Mission

We have a vision where each year there is more wildlife, more wild places and more people with a connection to the natural world.

Our mission is to connect and improve Gloucestershire's wildlife and wild places.

About GWT

GWT was formed in 1961, set up by a group of volunteers led by Sir Peter Scott, who recognised that local wildlife was under threat. We are a medium-sized charity working throughout Gloucestershire. As of 2019 we manage more than 60 Reserves across Gloucestershire, are supported by 29,000 members, have a team of over 550 active volunteers, 12 Trustees and more than 60 staff. Our work of protecting Gloucestershire's wildlife is funded through our members, appeals, funded projects and our two limited companies, Gloucestershire Wildlife Management Ltd and Gloucestershire Wildlife Enterprises Ltd.

Role information

Start date: April 2021

Time: Flexible hours with monthly evening volunteering for Young Ambassador Board Meetings

Ideal commitment: Approx. 1-2 days a month

Where: At Robinswood Hill, Gloucester or home-based (dependent on COVID-19 situation)



Purpose of your volunteer role:

Charities that involve young people in decision making benefit from different and more inclusive perspectives and views, which can lead to better governance. We want to involve younger people in decision making, by giving young people a say in how the environment can be protected and how nature can thrive in the decades to come. We recognise that young people today are the charity leaders of the future.

We are looking to recruit six Young Ambassadors to establish a Young Ambassadors' Board. This board and our Young Ambassadors will ensure that young people:

- Are provided with a voice for the environment of Gloucestershire
- Are part of the decision making for nature's recovery in Gloucestershire
- Will help further develop diversity & inclusion at GWT and across the environment sector
- Have the chance to help us shape the future of the charity
- Are provided with an opportunity to develop skills, connections and knowledge to help them become future leaders of the environment sector
- Will build on the current momentum of young people's involvement in environmental action.

What the task involves:

We recognise that the future of nature and our connection with it will in part be decided on by young people, and GWT wants to be pivotal in making this happen by giving young people a voice.

We want to develop the Young Ambassadors' Board as we go and our Young Ambassadors recruited to the board will be key to this. The Young Ambassadors will work closely and be supported by our Board of Trustees and key GWT staff. Together they will develop the following:

- Create a plan of action for the Young Ambassadors' Board
- Decide on the Board's environmental vision in line with GWT's mission
- Work as a team to create the infrastructure of the Young Ambassadors' Board
- Design and help deliver specific campaigns
- Advocate for the recovery of nature in Gloucestershire
- Work closely with GWT's Board of Trustees and staff to provide a young person perspective on our approach at GWT
- Work with local communities and other youth boards to promote the Young Ambassadors' environmental message
- Facilitate conversations among young people in Gloucestershire regarding the natural environment
- Act as a representative of GWT
- Attend and participate in board meetings



Skills and abilities, you will be using in your role:

We want our Young Ambassadors' Board to be open to everyone and therefore no prior experience is required. As this is a board aimed at representing young people, our Young Ambassadors do need to be between the ages of 16-25.

We are looking for individuals who:

- Are passionate about the environment and advocates for nature's recovery in Gloucestershire
- Can represent the diverse voice young people have to offer across Gloucestershire
- Act as representatives of GWT
- Are confident speaking in a public setting
- Are dedicated to making GWT and the environment sector more inclusive and diverse
- Are keen to learn new skills and make connections

Benefits to volunteering as a Young Ambassador:

- Be the voice of your generation
- Help make a difference
- Social benefits; a chance to meet new people and make friends
- Support your local Wildlife Trust and helping with the recovery of nature in your local area
- Learn new skills
- Develop connections with experts in the conservation and environment sector
- Gain experience for your C.V.
- Shadow our Trustees and staff
- GWT volunteers can sign up to receive a monthly Volunteer Newsletter, an invite to our annual Volunteer Conference, Volunteer Skill days and Volunteer Forums

Your supervisor:

Rosemary McCloskey, Trustee and Lorna Fox, Head of Engagement and Learning

Training:

All new volunteers will receive an induction to the Trust and their volunteer role, this will cover your volunteer role description and main tasks of the role.

Each Young Ambassador will be assigned a Trustee who will support them throughout the creation and the running of the Young Ambassadors Board. They will provide direct mentoring and some shadowing opportunities.



Expenses/equipment available:

- We provide travel expenses for up to a 40mile round trip at 40p per mile
- The Trust will provide relevant equipment to facilitate board meetings such as meeting space, refreshments, stationary etc
- Provide equipment to support the development of campaigns, whether this be on the ground or via social media
- IT equipment
- Relevant policies and guides to support the running and setting up of a Young Ambassadors Board

Suitable age for this role:

Young Ambassadors do need to be between the ages of 16-25.

How to apply:

Submit a short video (maximum of 3 minutes) and Expression of Interest, stating your reasons for wanting to be a GWT Young Ambassador, what changes you think need to be made for nature's recovery and how you would go about this.

In your Expression of Interest feel free to get creative on how you illustrate your points, this could include pictures, illustrations/designs or the simple written word! Please submit via PDF or word document.

Please ensure your video is no more than 3 minutes long, in a MP4 or a MOV format, under 2GB in size and ideally landscape.

Submit your video and Expression of Interest by Monday 1st February 2021.

Send your application to yab@gloucestershirowildlifetrust.co.uk