



Volunteer Position Description

Location: Mull and Iona Ranger Service
Volunteer Role: Assistant Ranger
Responsible to: NTS Ranger for South Mull, Iona, Burg and Staffa NNR

Summary

Mull and Iona Ranger Service is hosted by the Mull and Iona Community Trust, working in partnership with a number of other organisations. The ranger for South Mull, Iona, Burg and Staffa National Nature Reserve works in partnership with the National Trust for Scotland (NTS). Have a look at our websites for further information:

www.mict.co.uk/ranger-service Blog: <http://mullionarangerservice.com/>

Facebook: Mull and Iona Ranger Service

www.nts.org.uk/iona www.nts.org.uk/staffa www.nts.org.uk/burg

The work includes interacting with local communities and visitors to the islands, wildlife survey and monitoring, and practical tasks. We aim to: contribute to positive land management; encourage awareness, understanding and action for natural heritage; assist with mediation between competing land uses; and provide a warm welcome to the countryside.

As an assistant ranger you will be helping with a variety of these tasks according to your interests and abilities, but with a particular focus on activities for children/youth and some wildlife survey. A Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme check will be required. Health and safety information will be provided as part of your induction. Accommodation and some travel costs are provided for this post.

Commitment

Full-time placement for 3 months from 8th June to 28th August 2020. Some weekend or evening hours will be required, for which time off in lieu is allowed.

Main Duties will include:

- Assisting with planning and leading outdoor and environmental education activities in schools, afterschool nature clubs and children's holiday clubs
- Assisting with public events such as guided walks, wildlife watching, bioblitzes or John Muir Award activities
- Wildlife survey and monitoring work to include seabirds on Staffa and Iona
- Maintenance tasks for example auditing footpaths, painting waymarkers, beach cleans – sometimes working with members of the public or volunteer groups
- Assisting with social media and events promotion
- Other duties when required (as agreed by discussion with volunteer manager)

Support / Training

On the job training and support provided by Mull and Iona Ranger Service staff and occasionally by other colleagues. There may also be the opportunity to attend courses or networking events in the environmental field.

Knowledge/Experience/Background

Essential:

- An interest in and enthusiasm for wildlife, habitats and environmental issues
- Some wildlife identification skills and a willingness to learn further (in order to relate this to visitors and members of the public, and to take part in survey work)
- Ability to relate well to people from a variety of backgrounds, ages and cultures
- Ability to engage with visitors in a polite, friendly and tactful manner
- Self-sufficient, with the ability to work both independently (sometimes lone working in rugged coastal terrain) and as part of a small team
- A good level of physical fitness, happy to work outdoors in all weathers

Desirable:

- Relevant experience or qualifications would be an advantage eg. working with children/youth or community groups, practical conservation tasks, wildlife monitoring, knowledge of conservation and land management issues, first aid
- Full, clean driving licence

Volunteering Policy

The Trust's volunteer policy outlines its commitment to the volunteer programme and is available on request. The Trust values volunteer input and recognises volunteers as partners in the work of the organisation.

Benefits of Volunteering

Volunteers may have the opportunity to become involved in further events across the NTS, depending on their interests. They also receive the opportunity to:

- Meet other like-minded people, and to gain skills, knowledge and experience in the heritage and environment sector, as well as meet people from all over the world.
- Learn about Scotland's history, culture and environment.
- After 40 hours volunteering, receive a Volunteer card entitling the holder to free entry to NTS properties, a 20% discount in NTS shops and a 50% discount on last-minute bookings for NTS holiday accommodation.

Further Information:

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