



Outdoor Learning Assistant

The Outdoor Learning project is led by the Outdoor Learning Officer, who is employed through the Ernest Cook Trust. ECT was founded as an educational trust by Ernest Cook, grandson of Thomas Cook (the travel agent), in 1952. The head office is based on the Fairford Estate in Gloucestershire. ECT's vision is inspiring young people to achieve better education and life outcomes by learning from the land. In order to increase this reach they have begun to partner with a range of organisations in different parts of the UK, hence their involvement with the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership. The Outdoor Learning Officer will provide a key role in broadening learning aspects of the PHLP, providing additional family activities and formal education methods to engage with the PHLP community.

This role involves:

- Assisting the Outdoor Learning Officer in the delivery of environmental education programmes, activities and youth engagement in the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership.
- Supporting the Outdoor Learning Officer in admin, resource creation and session promotion in line with the National Curriculum and exam specifications.
- Assisting in the preparation, delivery and promotion of activity sessions (schools, family events and other sessions)
- Ensuring that equipment and resource material are prepared prior to activities, and returned, checked and cleaned afterwards.
- Assist in the delivery of events, projects and activities across the PHLP area whenever possible, linking to school groups.
- Working with other volunteers in accordance with the health and safety policy, safeguarding and volunteering policies.

What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Making an impact on children's connection with nature within East Lancashire.
- Improving your communication skills with children, adults and individuals with additional needs.
- Gaining experience of planning and leading events, primary, secondary and preschool learning sessions.
- Learn new themes, stories and skills related to the PHLP and ECT.
- Teach your interest or encourage young people and families to become engaged in a local topic that you enjoy.
- Gaining experience of developing materials and programmes to meet the National Curriculum requirements.
- A chance to express your creative talents and develop new ideas and materials.

This role will suit people who:

- Are aged 18 or above.
- Have experience of working with children in a formal learning content.
- Have knowledge of the national curriculum and want to teach it within an outdoor setting.
- Are reliable, friendly, helpful and approachable
- Are enthusiastic about nature, landscape, heritage and outdoor learning.
- Are keen to learn new skills and develop knowledge
- Enjoy meeting new people, in particular children, teachers and families
- Are keen to 'get stuck in' with activity sessions outdoors in all weathers, focusing on environmental education and play.

Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Volunteer Roles

- Are considering a career working with children, working in the outdoors or wanting to develop communication skills.

Location of volunteer activity:	Office based in LCC Offices, off Pimlico Road, BB7 2BW (next to Clitheroe Register Office). Activity and sessions will take place across the PHLP area including locations such as Spring Wood, Victoria Park, Clarion House and Whitehough Outdoor Centre.
Time commitment:	Opportunities for periodic/regular volunteering. Either 1 day per week/biweekly/monthly or ad hoc to suit school groups. We hope people will volunteers with an interest in benefiting the PHLP in the long term.
Responsible to:	Outdoor Learning Officer
Training offered:	As part of your induction you will receive training to help equip you for your role (health and safety, safeguarding etc.) Throughout the PHLP there will be further opportunities to attend specific training.
Expenses:	Out-of-pocket travel costs, following the Volunteer Expenses Policy.

Before starting this role you will be required to undertake an informal interview and full induction, and a DBS check will be carried out (free of charge). If you are interested in this opportunity or would like to find out more please call 01200 420420 or email pendlehill@ernestcooktrust.co.uk.