

Meet the team!

We are currently looking for **young volunteers** to join our learning team at Westonbirt Arboretum. The description of the young volunteer role is below and we are also holding a series of 'meet the team' sessions towards the end of May. We would like to invite you to come and meet the team, staff, and volunteers, whilst they are delivering one of the family events you would likely be involved in. Hopefully this will equip you with the information you need to make an informed decision as to whether it is the right volunteering opportunity for you.

The 'meet the team' sessions run from 1pm-3pm every day on the dates in the registration form, you can come at any time, and you can expect to be with us for about 30 minutes. Young volunteers must attend with a parent or guardian.

After the 'meet the team' session we will send you home with details on how to apply and if you are successful in your application, we will arrange induction dates and DBS applications.

To come and meet the team please complete the registration details at the following link, there are limited places, and we need to know who is coming. We will contact you with arrival details closer to the time.

<https://forms.office.com/e/t9winfs5XA>

Volunteer Role Description

Young volunteers - supporting family events

Westonbirt, The National Arboretum is cared for by Forestry England, the government agency responsible for managing England's public forest estate. As well as ensuring Westonbirt's long-term future, its mission is to connect people with trees to improve the quality of life. Volunteering plays a fundamental part supporting this mission, providing essential help in maintaining the arboretum and making visitors feel welcome.

The Learning Team engages with visitors of all ages, delivering informal hands-on learning activities during family events and community visits as well as formal learning experiences with schools and colleges. Our team of 'young volunteers' sit alongside this enthusiastic team of learning staff and volunteers, gaining lots of valuable experience and skills by supporting our family events.

When

Family events usually take place during most school holidays and young volunteers are asked to sign-up for at least six sessions for our afternoon shift of 12:30pm - 4pm

What's involved?

- Engaging with families taking part in our family events programme.
- Helping children discover more about trees and wildlife and help them to create tree crafts.
- Being part of a team, planning and developing ideas for family events, making craft examples or researching/writing activities.

We'd like you to be

- Aged between 14 and 18 years old.
- Enthusiastic and keen to engage with children/families.
- Able to communicate with all kinds of visitors, whilst being reliable, positive and patient or willing to actively develop these skills.
- Have an interest in trees, natural history and a willingness to learn.

We will

Provide role training covering induction, engaging with the public and the learning family events programme for the year ahead.

Provide ongoing support from learning staff and experienced learning volunteers.

Provide all materials needed.

Ensure you are always with another volunteer/member of staff who has had an enhanced DBS check.

Pay a contribution to the cost of volunteering travel.