

Congleton Hydro Volunteer role description

Role title	Education/Learning Presenter and Champion
Purpose of the role	Assist with the development and delivery of the Congleton Hydro's Education Programme which aims to help better inform the community and future generations of how the Environment (in it's many guises) and its Sustainability plays a key role in our everyday lives.
What you will be doing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individually or in small teams, contribute to one of more of: • Conceiving, designing, and delivering on-site sessions relevant to the Congleton Hydro project and its interested visitors (see attached Education Plan for an outline of the proposed topics and recipient groups) • Similar Education sessions for delivery off site, eg in schools, community groups etc. • Sourcing, Preparing and maintaining equipment for these sessions. • Coordinating visitor booking requests from groups/individuals- by email, phone, web site. • Coordinating session presenters as required.
Skills, experience and qualities needed	<p>We welcome interest from a wide base:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retired Educators—continue to use your skills and experience. • Younger volunteers – learn how to prepare and present material to the public. <p>Likely to suit people who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enthusiastic and able to contribute ideas and skills in designing and delivering the agreed education programme. • Able to follow a plan, communicate clearly and confidently in public and/or demonstrate practical models to learners. • Be willing and able to operate outside in all weathers leading “nature sessions” • Have an interest and willingness to learn about green energy, climate change, electricity generation, flora and fauna and ecological field work, Congleton's Industrial history. • Some topics will require the use of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) to underpin the learning sessions—support & training in STEM will be provided if required. • Be an Ambassador/champion for Congleton Hydro

When and where	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On site delivery of sessions as agreed – likely one school session per week from mid-2021 during term time plus ad-hoc community sessions as required. • Delivery as booked for on-site visits- seasonal and “outside office hours” likely. • Similar sessions to be delivered off-site eg schools and community groups. • Attendance at co-ordination/ training sessions as required.
Support offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction programme will be provided to cover all aspects of the Congleton Hydro Scheme eg background, operation, technicalities etc. • Detailed Induction on Health and Safety Requirements, security of equipment, guiding visitors and especially those with special needs. • Reporting to and support from the Education programme leader and the wider Congleton Hydro Organisation. • For younger less experienced volunteers a “buddy programme” will be instituted with more experienced practitioners.
What you could get out of it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of a team of likeminded enthusiasts helping the wider community and future generations learn about the importance of our Environment and its Sustainability. • On the programme training-learning from peers • Meet new people • Out in the fresh air • Be part of a valuable Community Project----join now and be in at the start. • Volunteers should be able to combine these activities with other on-site voluntary work on the hydro system and its local environment.
Other relevant information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congleton Hydro Education Plan • www.congletonhydro.co.uk
What to do if you're interested	<p>Please leave expressions of interest at info@congletonhydro.co.uk</p> <p>Please state you are interested in the Education Volunteer Opportunities. If possible, please give a few words about your experience/background/interest and most important please leave your contact details eg telephone/ email address.</p> <p>Given these extraordinary times we are living in, further discussions etc will be conducted in the virtual world eg via skype or zoom. We hope this will be acceptable to you.</p>

Roles may be flexible – we are interested in helping you to help us.

