**Young Ranger Leader- Role Profile**

**Purpose**

To support the delivery of the Lake District National Park Young Ranger Programme: - a programme of practical conservation activities for young adults (14- to 18-year-olds) who are keen to learn conservation skills and to develop a deeper understanding of the National Park through practical volunteering.

**Key tasks**

You will carry out several tasks whilst volunteering as a YRL. These may include:

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* Communicating with the young people and their guardians prior to each activity.
* Meeting the young people and traveling with the group to the worksite
* Working alongside LDNPA (Lake District National Park Authority) and partner organisation staff to plan and deliver the day of activity to help the young people complete the assigned conservation tasks.
* Lead and inspire the young people throughout their volunteering experience.

**Expenses**

We can provide out of pocket expenses for those that travel by public transport, and a parking permit and mileage rate for an agreed distance for those who travel by car. We provide a LDNPA uniform. Tools and equipment necessary for any task will be provided.

**Location**This role operates at locations throughout the Lake District National Park.

**Supervisor(s)**Volunteers will work closely with and be supported by our Volunteer Outreach Coordinator, Lizzy Benn.

**Time commitment required:**

The Young Rangers meet on a Sunday at the end of the month. Our YRL volunteers are asked to volunteer in a rota with other YRL’s to cover the monthly sessions. There may also be a need to attend relevant training and meetings throughout the year. This equates to a time commitment of around 6 volunteering duties a year.

Training and support will be provided by the Volunteers Service. Training sessions will include:

* Group leadership skills.
* First Aid.
* Learning about the National Park.

**Person Specification**

Due to the nature of the role, we will be selecting volunteers based on their experience, knowledge and understanding, passion and enthusiasm, and their availability. Please ensure that you give as much detail as possible when applying.

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| **Essentials** | **Desirables** |
| **Outdoor skills and experience**Experience in the outdoors, in particular the Lake DistrictA suitable level of fitness | Experience or qualification in instructing, coaching, or teaching outdoors skills |
| **Experience leading others in groups**Working with groups such as Scouts or Guides, Youth Groups, Duke of Edinburgh etc. |  |
| **Awareness of Health & Safety**Able to demonstrate understanding of potential risks and how to mitigate them | 2 day Outdoor First Aid certificate (re-qualification provided, if needed) |
| **Confident communicating with a range of people including other adults and young people.**Ability to speak confidently in a groupAbility to direct others, encourage and motivate young people |  |
| **IT Proficient**Ability to use and communicate through phone and emailIT proficient – able to edit basic information on word processors and spreadsheets |  |

**What this role offers**

* Opportunity to volunteer in spectacular landscapes, with a unique perspective.
* Ongoing support from a dedicated staff team and peer group.
* Training and development opportunities.
* Chance to share your existing knowledge and experience.
* National Park uniform, parking permit and a range of discounts and offers.

**Next steps**

To apply for this role, please complete the application form.

If you have any more questions, please contact volunteers@lakedistrict.gov.uk and one of our team will be able to speak to you in more detail. We will be selecting volunteers based on their skills, experience, and availability. Once selected, volunteers will go through a thorough National Park induction and a role-based training process including taster sessions, shadowing, and ongoing opportunities.