



## **The Bay Community Events Volunteer Role Description (Helpers and Leaders) – Barrow and surrounds**

The Bay: A Blueprint For Recovery The Bay is a Nature and Wellbeing Programme, offering people living around Morecambe Bay the opportunity to get outdoors, connect with nature, and take part in a range of nature and wellbeing activities. The programme has been set up to tackle the feelings of isolation and loneliness in Morecambe Bay after the global pandemic. Created by partner organisations; The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside, The Eden Project, Cumbria Wildlife Trust and Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust, the two-year project will be based in Barrow-in-Furness, Morecambe and Wyre.

As a volunteer you could be taking part in activities such as rock pooling, nature walks, code braking, egg case hunts and craft activities. We also go into organisations such as care homes with our 'portable rockpool' to bring a little bit of nature to people who would struggle to get outdoors. You will also have opportunities to learn new skills and connect with the wonderful nature of the Bay, as well as engaging with the community.

### **What is a Community Events Volunteer?**

Our Community Events Volunteers will help the Bay Project staff to prepare and deliver events around Barrow, alongside staff members, to raise awareness of wildlife and the environment at different sites. Volunteers can help on events (indoors or outdoors), help prepare materials and plan activities for future events too. You could also lead your own events as a leader too, preparing and delivering your own sessions with support from volunteer helpers.

### **What's in it for you?**

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Choosing which events you'd like to help with, or lead
- Getting out and about in nature and on our beautiful beaches
- Health and wellbeing benefits
- Passing on your knowledge to other people
- Learning new skills and experience of working on events

### **Who would suit this role?**

This role is flexible and could suit almost anyone depending on their interests, but will especially suit those who:

- Enjoy working with people and the environment
- Have some natural history knowledge of the local area
- Have a friendly and engaging nature
- Enjoy working in an outdoor environment (though you may wish to volunteer on indoor events!)
- Enjoy walking (although not needed for all events)

However, please note that you don't need to have all of these interests or skills to undertake this volunteering role.





**Extra information:**

**Place of volunteering:** Events are often held around Barrow-in-Furness at sites with access to public transport

**Time commitment:** Ideally, we'd welcome volunteers who could commit to helping at several events a year or if leading, commit to leading 4 or 5 events per year.

**Staff contact:** Yolanda Aze, Community Engagement Officer

**Training/ resources:** Volunteer handbook and Trust induction. Safeguarding training and will be mandatory and provided for you. Volunteers are able to receive travel expenses of 0.45p per mile agreed in advanced with their staff contact. First aid training will be provided for volunteer leaders.

**Requirements:** The Trust will apply for a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check for volunteers undertaking this role because it involves working with children and young people or vulnerable adults. In the second stage of the volunteer recruitment process we will take up two references.

