## **VOLUNTEER BULLETIN!**



#### Meet Our New Volunteer Coordinator!

Hi, I'm Amanda, the new Volunteer Coordinator. Since joining in July, I've been visiting our sites and meeting our incredible volunteers. I want to take this opportunity to say the work you do doesn't go unnoticed. Whether it is working outdoors in all weathers or supporting vital community initiatives it makes a real difference. Thank you for your dedication, hard work and commitment. you're an inspiration!

I'm here to assist and answer any questions please feel free to get in touch

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The Volunteer Coordinator role is supported by

### Exciting New Opportunities for Volunteers in January! Volunteer Ambassadors & Volunteer Peer Mentors



Volunteer Ambassadors will serve as the local voice of Groundwork North Wales, representing the organization within their communities and at various events. Participants will receive comprehensive communication training and resources to help raise awareness about our projects. This role is ideal for individuals passionate about making a meaningful difference, building community connections, and advocating for positive change. By attending events, networking with local groups, and sharing personal experiences, Volunteer Ambassadors will play a crucial role in expanding our volunteer community and highlighting the impactful work of Groundwork North Wales.

**Volunteer Peer Mentors** will help welcome new and existing volunteers, ensuring they feel included and confident in their roles. Act as a friendly point of contact, sharing knowledge and offering encouragement. This role is perfect for volunteers who enjoy working with people and want to create a positive experience for others. No specific qualifications are required - just a willingness to engage and support others!

Places for the new roles are limited, so act quickly! We'll host a short informational session in January to explain more about these exciting opportunities.

If you're interested in making a difference, connecting with your community, and developing new skills, we want to hear from you!



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**Volunteer Survey Insights** 

We are grateful to everyone who participated in our recent survey. Here's what we learned:

What you enjoy most - You love meeting new people, building friendships, learning new skills, and making a real difference in your communities and the environment. From bike maintenance to conservation, your passion for volunteering shines through!

**Ideas for improvement** - You suggested great ways to enhance our programme, including:

- Offering more training.
- More opportunities to connect between volunteer groups.
- Social events or away days.
- Updates about decisions and volunteer contributions.

**Skills you have gained** - Many of you have developed amazing skills, such as bike mechanics, conservation techniques, flora and fauna ID, communication, and practical tool use. It's inspiring to see how much you're learning and growing.

**Your experience** - You value the welcoming, supportive environment, and many of you shared how volunteering has positively impacted your lives. We're so proud of what you do and are committed to supporting you further.

days' offering opportunities for you to visit and volunteer on different sites.

Thanks to your feedback we will be looking at providing volunteer 'swap



Farewell

We bid farewell to Luisa, who is moving on to an exciting new opportunity. Thank you for your hard work supporting our volunteers!

Luisa received lots of well wishes from the volunteers she has worked with thanking her for the time she has spent with them on nature adventures and helping build individuals confidence.

#### Luisa said

"Thank you to all the volunteers. It has been lovely working with you all."



Thank you for all your support in 2024 and for making a difference.

We wish all our volunteers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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