

## Team Communicate

### What is It?

Team Communicate is a pilot programme run by Bristol Natural History Consortium, the charity who runs Festival of Nature. The programme brings together different parts of our current volunteer programme, and invites 12 people to take a leadership role with our Festival of Nature volunteer team. Our regular Festival volunteering programme will still be available, with over 200 volunteer opportunities in spring and summer 2018 to get involved.

### What's on Offer

Team Communicate invites 12 people to make a bigger commitment than our usual 1 day volunteer slots. In return, participants will receive meaningful training in skills that are vital to working within the environmental sector, along with networking opportunities to some of the best known national and regional environmental organisations.

As a minimum, we are looking for people who can commit to one evening a month throughout 2018 where you will receive training and help shape Bristol Natural History Consortium's 2018 programme by contributing your existing skills and the skills you learn through the training we will provide. In return, we'll ask you to take on a minimum of 20 hours of skilled volunteering during Festival of Nature 2018.

### Why?

Volunteers have been a vital part of running BNHC events across the Bristol and Bath region over the past 15 years. Each year Festival of Nature relies on 200+ volunteers to run our exciting and vital programme, helping educate and engage the public with nature.

Although the Festival volunteer programme has spun off exciting projects like Bristol Nature Network, festival volunteers still ask for help to find greater numbers of meaningful volunteer opportunities for people who want to work in the environmental sector which are accessible to people in either full time work, with parental responsibilities, or for people who are not graduates.

### What will I get from Team Communicate?

- Support to create a volunteering role tied to your personal or career aims in 2018
- Practical and useful training in running events within the environmental sector
- First aid and safeguarding qualifications for your CV
- A free ticket to Communicate conference 2018 with networking opportunities with local and national environmental organisations worth £275. Details of the conference can be found at [www.communicatenow.org.uk](http://www.communicatenow.org.uk)
- A Certificate of completion

### Who can apply?

- Anyone over the age of 18. See our application form for further details. We're particularly interested to hear from people who have struggled to find volunteering or work opportunities in the environmental sector due to work or life commitments

### Any further questions...

Is there an upper age limit?

*No! Anyone over the age of 18 can apply.*

I have other commitments, I work 9-5 during the week, my shift patterns aren't regular, I have parental responsibilities, and don't think I would have the time to commit, should I still apply?

*Yes! Team Communicate is aimed to upskill people who have found that they can't find the correct volunteering opportunities to fit around their schedule, or that they require a more flexible approach to volunteering. Our main requirement is that we need all participants to commit 1 evening per month*

Is this a job application or internship?

*No, it's part of our volunteering programme. However we hope that the skills you learn at Team Communicate and the people you meet will help you in your career within the environmental sector!*

**To apply please use the Application Form Downloadable here.**

**If you have any further questions, or help applying please feel free to email us at [Festival@bnhc.org.uk](mailto:Festival@bnhc.org.uk)**

