# Ness Islands Railway Volunteer

# Aim or goal of position:

Ness Islands Railway is a charming miniature railway featuring 7½-inch gauge trains. Guide customers to climb aboard one of our delightful locomotives for a scenic journey spanning over half a mile—an experience sure to enchant both children and adults. After their ride, they can stop by our kiosk to enjoy a selection of cold drinks and tasty snacks to raise vital funds to.



## Main responsibilities & suggested activities:

- To provide high standards of customer care to all who visit the railway.
- To sell cold drinks and snacks to customers at the kiosk.
- To collect ticket fares from passengers
- To handle cash and operate the till and card machine
- To follow open / close down procedures for the railway including cashing up
- To follow organisation guidelines to contribute to the smooth operation of the railway
- To look after the safety of the passengers and visitors at the train and at the station
- To help with some maintenance tasks such as landscaping, cleaning, etc.

## Skills / attributes and/or qualification(s) required:

- Requires PVG criteria police check Disclosure Scotland
- Mandatory Training Moving and Handling and Fire Awareness
- A commitment to delivering excellent customer care is essential
- A friendly and outgoing personality is essential
- Confidence in dealing with money is essential volunteers are expected to be able to carry out all functions in the railway (as outlined in the responsibilities above)
- Good problem-solving skills would be helpful
- Willing to learn how to operate and do the maintenance of the engines and railway tracks would be desirable but not essential
- Some mechanical or engineering skills would be desirable but not essential

#### Benefits to the volunteer:

- Opportunity to work as part of a great team
- Gain confidence and friendship
- Satisfaction that you are contributing to Highland Hospice fundraising
- Opportunity to of learning how to maintain (service) and drive a 7 ¼ inches engine if interested

#### When:

- Weekly or fortnightly based on seasonal period.
- The Railway opens for about 7 months per year.
- During the term Saturday Sunday 11:00-16:00
- During the school holidays Monday Sunday 11:00-16:00

## **Length of commitment sought:**

Open ended, for as long as there is mutual benefit for Highland Hospice and the volunteer.

## **Volunteer Shift times:**

Full day shift 10:30-16:30 Half day shifts: Mornings 10:30-13:30 Afternoons 13:30-16:30

#### Work site:

• Ness Islands Railway, Whin Park, Bught Road, Inverness IV3 5SS

#### Start Date:

To be agreed upon completion of training.

## Role supervisor(s):

Deputy Commerce Manager (Tourism and Online)

For further information contact the Volunteer Office on 01463 227902 or email volunteer@highlandhospice.org.uk

You can apply online at: Apply Online

