

BHWT Volunteer Role Description

Role Title:	Learning Volunteer
Role Description	<p>The British Hen Welfare Trust is looking for volunteers to support a new learning programme for schools and other educational and care settings.</p> <p>Learning volunteers will lead workshops to help primary school pupils (aged 4 – 11) explore egg production and animal welfare topics and gain the knowledge and skills to make food choices that are healthy for both themselves and for farmed animals.</p> <p>Most learning volunteers will have their own hens and be willing to take one or two of them to schools to meet the pupils.</p>
Where:	As a Learning Volunteer you will be visiting primary schools local to your area. You will be able to specify how far you are willing to travel.
When:	<p>Visits will take place during term time school hours at a time agreed with you. There will also be opportunities to work with after-school clubs, evening youth groups and school holiday provision outside of term time.</p> <p>You will be matched with schools as we receive enquiries. We ask each volunteer to commit to a minimum of five school visits per year.</p>
Main Duties:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To lead interactive, curriculum-linked workshops for primary school pupils. 2. To help pupils calmly and sensitively meet and handle your hens. 3. To positively represent the British Hen Welfare Trust in all your dealings with pupils and school staff. 4. To collect feedback from teachers.
Experience required:	Experience of working with children and young people is useful but not essential as you will receive full training.

About you:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You enjoy working with children and would like to gain more experience of the classroom environment. • You feel comfortable presenting to and working with a class. • You're comfortable following a written session plan. • You feel confident handling your hens. • You have good communication skills. • You show enthusiasm and a desire to share your knowledge. • You are flexibility and available to volunteer during school hours. • You are conversant with and supportive of the aims of the BHWT.
About us:	<p>We will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full online training programme to prepare you to lead workshops in schools, backed up by ongoing support from our friendly team. • Guidance on classroom management, engaging pupils, staying safe and introducing the children safely to your hens. • All necessary scripts, background notes and visual aids for leading workshops. • Travel expenses. <p>Once you have been volunteering with us for a reasonable period of time we will be happy to provide references regarding your role with us.</p>
Other requirements	<p>Your own hens, and a willingness to bring them to visit schools, is desirable but not absolutely essential. You will need to have a safe and comfortable way of transporting your hens.</p> <p>Use of your own vehicle and a willingness to travel to schools in your area. Your travel expenses will be covered.</p> <p>To apply for this role we will ask you to provide 2 references.</p>

	<p>This can be from an employer or an organisation you have previously volunteered with, or someone who has known you for a long time.</p> <p>Internet access and willingness to complete our online training course; communication will be mainly via email (although we are always available by phone if you have any questions or concerns). The online training is simple to navigate and doesn't require any special software.</p>
How to apply	<p>Please complete the online application form or contact learning@bhwt.co.uk for more information.</p> <p>Once we have received your completed form and references we will enrol you on our online training course and send you all the details.</p> <p>On completion of the training course we will begin matching you with schools. After each visit we will ask you to let us know how it went and you will have the opportunity to give us your feedback on the experience, ask any questions and make suggestions to improve the programme.</p>

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