



Dear Parent / Guardian,

'We're in the Wild' project - youth volunteering

Your son / daughter has shown an interest in being involved in the We're in the Wild Project as part of a youth volunteering group.

We're in the Wild is a new project funded through the Big Lottery's Changing Spaces Programme delivering opportunities in Sefton, St.Helens, Liverpool, Knowsley, Halton and West Lancashire. The project aims to connect children and young people with their local green spaces providing opportunities for learning, playing and volunteering. Each local authority partner has identified key parks where project activities will be delivered.

Your son/ daughter will be working with other young people as part of a team supervised by the Senior Project Officer, local authority Rangers and Project Volunteers, all of whom will have enhanced DBS clearance.

As a volunteer with the project your son and daughter could be involved in:

- Practical conservation work in parks - using tools such as loppers and bow saws, laying paths, coppicing trees or planting wildflower meadows
- Helping to manage the project through providing advice and sitting on a youth steering group
- Delivering events for families and children in local parks
- Helping to promote the project and developing media and photography skills
- Being involved in wildlife surveys

As your son / daughter has shown an interest toward volunteering could you please fill in the attached parental consent and return it to me. At this stage we are registering interest and will shortly be sending out a list of volunteering activities to you and your son / daughter by email. Please note reasonable transport costs will be reimbursed and where appropriate we will provide refreshments etc.

We will keep you updated with volunteering opportunities as they arise. All my contact details are below and during any event/ activity I will always be contactable on my mobile phone.

About Plantlife

Plantlife (www.plantlife.org.uk) is an international conservation organisation that works to protect wild plants and help increase understanding and awareness of the value of wild plants and their habitats. Our successful education programme has delivered opportunities for over 20,000 children in the last four years as well as teacher training to over 2000 teachers throughout the country. More information can be found at www.wildaboutplants.org.uk.

Health and safety and child protection are important to us. All our staff who work with children have undergone an enhanced DBS check and risk assessments are done for all our activities.

Yours sincerely

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