



Position for a Fundraiser

The Derby & Sandiacre Canal Trust is looking for a fundraiser to join its team of volunteers to assist with the restoration of the Derby Canal. You may be a student, in work and/or formally qualified in fundraising, but an understanding of the general approaches is a prerequisite. Training is available for a long term candidate that is looking for a meaningful project to utilise their skills for social and environmental benefit.

What's involved:

As a volunteer it would be for you to determine the time that you can offer to the Trust, whether that be a few hours a month or a few hours a week. The restoration of the Derby Canal will involve reinstating a canal where there is generally currently no water. This presents an excellent opportunity not only to enhance the canal path to the benefit of the public use for recreation (walking, cycling, riding the towpath or paddling/boating in the water), but also will create a connected linear green and blue corridor greatly enhancing the habitat for native flora and fauna.

Our organisation has a wealth of knowledge in canal construction, but needs access to a hands on person who can search for appropriate funding for projects as they arise. We anticipate that over time the volunteer would

- Working from the agreed masterplan, plan the layout of discrete sections specifying what funding would be needed. Planned developments are drawn up to outline infrastructure and recreational deliverables and held awaiting funding/resources.
- Identify a list of current and future projects requiring funding and identify likely best sources of funds – matching the project outcomes with appropriate sources of funding – high biodiversity content would typically be funded by environmental funders; heritage buildings could be funded by Heritage Lottery.
- review existing funding information and sources and ensure the Trust has access to a good ongoing and current base of data for identification of funding sources and contacts.
- As projects come forward work with the project leader to write funding bids and liaise with corporate or individual funders to provide a funding proposition. Coordinate efforts with other experts such as IWA Fundraising for review.
- Provide a strategic input to the Board on networking and funding strategy.

Working experience and/or knowledge or access to knowledge in the following specialised areas is essential:

1. Fundraising experience with a reasonable knowledge of likely sources.
2. Network contacts for funding
3. An ability to write funding bids.

General capabilities should include

1. An ability to understand the Trust's objectives
2. An ability to work with, motivate and encourage volunteers
3. An ability to draft out plans for use by non experts



This is an opportunity to fill a gap in a volunteer organisation that is gaining pace in its restoration works and to make a real difference to everyone in the 400,000 people catchment area affected by this work. It is an opportunity to change the local area for the long term and enhance the lives of the communities that populate that area.

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