

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION | Wildestan Expert

This is a role that starts in the **Winter 2024 season**. It can be completed alongside a Summer 2025 expedition role.

Wildestan Antarctica Overview

Wildestan Antarctica will give Young Adventurers the chance to actively engage with our inspirational UK experts, and a dedicated team residing and operating at Port Lockroy British Antarctica, via live & direct online sessions. Together, they will delve into the intricacies of the environment, life, climate, and wildlife of Antarctica and the UK.

The programme will conclude with a UK residential weekend, providing an opportunity to celebrate Adventurer achievements and practice the skills they have learnt. Through this innovative hybrid programme, Wildestan Adventurers will gain access to a location rarely seen by most, provide a unique perspective of Antarctica, and will encourage Young Adventurers to establish a connection between the comforts of home and the untamed wilderness, supporting them to apply their newfound knowledge and experiences to their local surroundings and beyond. Find out more about Wildestan Antarctica [here](#).

Responsibilities

We're seeking a team of volunteer Wildestan experts, to share planning and delivery responsibilities throughout the Wildestan programme. Each Wildestan session is to be led by intrepid and inspiring experts in their field – with sessions due to explore;

- Outdoor Safety & Skills: Staying Safe in the Wild and Meet the UKAHT Team
- Camp Smart & Explore Port Lockroy: Basecamp Know-How & Life at the Outpost
- Wildlife Watch: Tracking UK Animals & Penguin Life at Port Lockroy
- Weather Ready: UK Survival Gear & Port Lockroy's Weather Science, Then and Now
- Guardians of Nature: UK Plant Health & Biosecurity at Port Lockroy

Whatever your field of expertise, you'll be a dynamic and engaging role model for our Young Adventurers. Working in collaboration with British Exploring Society's Programmes Team and other Wildestan Experts, you will;

- Attend a Wildestan Expert online induction on Zoom, 12th October.
- In collaboration with the Programmes Team and other Wildestan Experts, design and deliver exciting and interactive online session(s) to young people.
- Support programme evaluation.

Person Specification

*LP = Leader Profile

AD = Assessment Day

I = Interview

Essential Skills	Assessment*
Experience of delivering activities, workshops or informal learning to groups of young people.	LP
Wildestan is open to young people from a variety of backgrounds, often with no prior knowledge in programme subject areas. Content must be designed to be accessible and inclusive.	LP
Knowledge and enthusiasm about your area(s) of expertise, and the ability to convey this to Young Adventurers.	LP
Comfortable presenting live on camera in a dynamic environment and open outdoor public space.	LP
Excellent interpersonal, communication and collaboration skills.	LP
An understanding of modern streaming platforms and technologies.	LP
An interest in youth development.	LP
Creativity and a can-do attitude.	LP

Personal Attributes

Core Value	How Core Values appear as a characteristic, behaviour or competency
Courage	Tackles new tasks, can embrace difficult decision-making and conversations, and supports others to do the same.
Self-belief	Is resilient, responds well to knock backs, likes opportunities to learn from mistakes.
Challenge	Has a can-do attitude, gets hands on as needed, quickly learns from setbacks and adapts behaviour to drive success.
Community	Is an authentic, mature communicator who values a wide range of stakeholder equally.

Building an inclusive community of Leaders

British Exploring Society is committed to building an executive and volunteer team that together represent a diverse variety of backgrounds, skills, and perspectives on the world. The more inclusive we are, the better we think we'll be at delivering our charitable aims.

How to apply

Please note that we prefer for Wildestan experts to be part of our existing 'passed leaders' pool. This means that you would have passed assessment for another expedition-based role previously.

We recruit volunteers on a rolling basis. Once you have expressed an interest, you will be invited to complete an application which will be reviewed and if successful, you will be invited to attend an online group half-day assessment

1. [Express an interest](#).
2. Complete an application.
3. Attend an online group assessment day.

If you have questions about this role please contact expeditions@britishexploring.org.