



INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER ROLE TITLE:

CLIMATE CHAMPION, THE LIVING LIGHTER PROJECT

ABOUT THE SALISBURY CENTRE

The Salisbury Centre is open to all who want to develop their spiritual, psychological and creative life.

We welcome people who come and explore different forms of spiritual, sustainable and creative possibilities in a setting where there are opportunities to become part of a community of others aspiring to live a balanced, compassionate, and heart centered life style. We provide a range of body, mind and spiritual practices in an uplifting non-denominational environment where people from different cultural and social backgrounds are encouraged to find their own way towards inner harmony and well-being, which includes care and respect for the wider community as well as the environment.

ABOUT THE LIVING LIGHTER PROJECT

The Salisbury Centre is delighted to announce that we have received a Scottish Government Climate Challenge Fund Grant of £185,292.88 for a 2 year project, which has now launched at the centre, and will run until March 2021.

It is an environmental project which will bring awareness to, and create action on climate change across our varied community (a number of people who have long standing connections with the centre, many spiritual traditions who use the centre as well as practitioners and their clients who use the centre) and also the wider local community and other faith groups. Our aim is to embed sustainable change in the life of the Salisbury Centre, and in the lives of individuals.

The Living Lighter project will reach many people by delivering and / or hosting the following activities:

- Climate & Carbon Conversations
- Climate Literacy Accreditation
- Energy Efficiency Improvements
- Interfaith Climate Summit
- Film Screenings
- Swap Shop
- Mindful consuming
- Workshops on:
 - Growing Food
 - Cooking and Preserving
 - Food Waste Reduction
 - Upcycling

And hopefully have lots of fun along the way!

ROLE DESCRIPTION

We seek volunteers to form a small mutually supportive and diverse team of committed and motivated 'Climate Champions'.

- Maintain regular communication with the Living Lighter Staff Team and the Climate Champions Volunteer Team.
- Attend a monthly Climate Champions Team Meeting
- Attend training (4 key topics chosen so far with potential for more, see 'rewards' section below)

- Assist the Living Lighter team to plan, publicise and host activities
- Assist the Living Lighter team to administer project outcome measurement tools (e.g attendance records, feedback, carbon calculations)
- Potentially also leading some activities, and developing an ongoing programme after the lifespan of the project

SKILLS, EXPERIENCE, ATTRIBUTES & COMMITMENT REQUIRED

Essential Skills & Experience:

- Team Work
- Knowledge of or interest in Climate Change and Carbon reduction
- Event planning and / or delivery

Advantageous Skills & Experience:

- Work or life experience in a diverse community
- Creativity
- 'Front of House' presentation skills
- Word and number literate
- Experience or familiarity with contemporary Information and Digital Communications Technology and methods

Attributes:

- Reliability, Integrity, Compassion, Open-mindedness, Tenacity
- Willingness to follow the 'Code of Conduct' (in development) and to act with respect to the Salisbury Centre's vision and mission, community members, other centre users and the environment
- Discretion with regards to any sensitive information encountered, particularly personal data

Commitment:

- The project runs until March 2021, ideally volunteers will be with us for as long as possible, and even beyond the lifespan of the project
- We would like regular and planned attendance of around 2 - 8 hours per week (depending on the project needs and the availability of other team members), hours will vary and there will be some activities running in the evenings and on weekends.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT

The Living Lighter project is part of the Salisbury Centre, and is based there. The project is based in an office accessible by a flight of stairs, which means it may be challenging to reach us for people with mobility difficulties. Other venues in the centre may be used on occasion for meetings. The Centre has a kitchen and garden which can be used for breaks.

REWARDS FOR VOLUNTEERS

- Training:
 - Climate and Carbon Literacy with the opportunity to gain an Accredited Climate Literacy Qualification
 - Facilitation Skills
 - Equality and Diversity
 - First Aid
- The opportunity to work on an exciting project in a lovely environment and be part of a mutually supportive team.
- Develop or maintain climate literacy and confidence in communicating about climate change and carbon.
- Develop or maintain event planning and management skills relevant to the voluntary / charity sector.
- Develop or maintain project development skills relevant to the voluntary / charity sector
- Contribute to a project which has wider aims to make a difference to the environment and strengthen creative and community responses to climate chaos
- We can provide a reference for volunteers who have made a contribution of 100 hours. We can do this for a period of two years following your engagement on the project.

WHAT'S NEXT?

We hope you are interested in this role with the Living Lighter Project!

Please fill out the 'Application Form' and 'Personal Information and Consents Form'.

If you don't already have these forms, or for any enquiries about this role or your application please contact: Rachel@salisburycentre.org who is the Volunteer / Outreach Worker with the Living Lighter Project.

To find out more about other volunteering roles at the centre the Centre Manager Virginia@salisburycentre.org for other ways to get involved