

Volunteer – Public Events

The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) hosts and attends many events each year to celebrate and promote the National Park. Our attendance at events is one of the main ways we engage with the public about the amazing landscape, wildlife and opportunities within the park.

Public events include both our Dark Night Skies and ReNature Festivals, seafront and town centre events, student and visitor outreach events, urban fringe events, special interest events for different audiences, one-off events to celebrate particular initiatives, and pop-up general engagement events.

This is a great opportunity for anyone that enjoys meeting and chatting with new people, has a passion for the environment, the National Park or engaging with people.

Volunteers are key ambassadors and play an important role in supporting the SDNPA in fulfilling our purposes 1: To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area.

Purpose 2: To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park by the public.

The SDNPA is an inclusive organisation and we welcome applications from everyone irrespective of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, faith and religion, disability and age.

Compulsory Training:

Introduction to the South Downs National Park, all relevant SDNPA Policies and Procedures and events/public engagement specific training

Equipment Provided:

Promotional materials, events equipment, SDNPA branded clothing

Events volunteers must read and adhere to the SDNPA Safeguarding Policy

Transport: The ability to travel to sites across the park, either through public transport or in your own vehicle will be necessary in this role.

Responsible to:

Events and Engagement Officer
Volunteer Support Officer

Preferred/Est. Hours:

This is a flexible, unfixed volunteer role with opportunities available as and when events are planned. Events can last for several hours and some can be held in remote locations.

Role Description:

- Support the delivery of public-facing events, including setting up and attending stalls/events van, talking to the public, answering questions, handing out leaflets and other event specific tasks
- Act as an ambassador to promote the South Downs National Park, its work and purposes



Key Skills:

- Outgoing and friendly, happy to start conversations with members of the public
- Ability to treat everyone with dignity and respect, including other volunteers, SDNPA staff and members of the public
- Ability to communicate knowledge and information to a diverse range of people
- Willingness to work with/support staff and volunteers as part of a team
- Specialist skills in educating others on subjects such as natural, cultural or local history are welcomed

Key qualities: Friendly, reliable and self-sufficient, willing to accept direction/guidance

As this is a public facing role we will be holding informal conversations. These discussions will cover the purposes of the role and why you are interested in volunteering for the National Park. Including any previous or relevant experience.

30 minute, Face to face and online conversations will be arranged for:

Wednesday 9th April

Tuesday 29th April

