

Transition University of St Andrews

Volunteer Task Description



Volunteer :

Position: Bike Lights Volunteer Intern

Your Role:

Task Description

Position: Bike Lights Volunteer Intern

Aims: To assist with the Bike Lights winter safety campaign

Main Tasks: To work with the Sustainable Transport Officer to carry out events across the campus encouraging students to use bike lights and other reflective safety equipment when cycling in the dark. To help the Sustainable Transport Officer to create a brightly lit bike to take to on-campus events such as Bike Pool and to encourage people in a fun way to light up their own bikes. To hand out freebies and to gather accurate and consistent data which can be used to show improvements in student's use of effective and legal bike lighting.

Time commitment: 2 hours per week.

Times of day: 0900h- 1700h

Base: Transition University of St Andrews, Woodburn Place.

Skills needs:

1. Ability to gather and analyse data
2. Communications Skills
3. Reliability
4. Organisational skills
5. Creative Design Skills (desirable)

Benefits to Volunteer:

1. Work Experience (See attached Skills Map)
2. Events and design experience
3. A Transition University of St Andrews Volunteer Pack
4. Potential Young Scot's Award Points

For Further Information contact Transition on 01334 464008.



Environmental Skills Map

Position: Bike Lights Volunteer Interns

At Transition University of St Andrews we are keen to ensure that our volunteers receive maximum benefit for their time spent on assisting with our projects. As a consequence, we try to ensure our volunteer positions enhance the skill set of the participants.

We have teamed up with The Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment and the Careers Centre to match our positions with the environmental skills set required for those wishing to work in the environment profession. The table below outlines which training opportunities we think this position offers. If you have any questions about this, please contact [insert name of mentor].

Sustainability Skills and Knowledge Set		
Knowledge and Understanding	Understand Environmental and Sustainability Principles	X
	Understand Environmental Policy Issues	
	Awareness of Environmental Management and Assessment Tools	
	Aware of Environmental Legislation and Know How to Assess Compliance	
	Aware of Key Business and Commercial Tools	
Analytical Thinking	Collect Data and Undertake Analysis and Evaluation	
	Research and Plan Sustainable Solutions	
Communication	Determine Effective Communication Methods	X
	Engage with Stakeholders	X
Sustainable Practice	Support the Implementation of Environmental Management and/or Assessment Tools	
	Propose Ways to Improve Environmental Performance	
	Aware of How a Changing Environment Creates Opportunities and Risks for Organisations	X
Leadership for Change	Support Change in An Organisation	X
	Encourage Others to Improve Sustainability	X



Benefit to the Organisation

Position: Bike Lights Volunteer Intern

At Transition University of St Andrews we recognise that our volunteers like to know how they are contributing to the work of our organisation. Most of our volunteers will contribute to many aspects of Transition, however, we have identified this role as being particularly complementary with our **Sustainable Transport** projects.

Through our **Sustainable Transport** projects we aim to increase our knowledge of environmental practice in St Andrews and to provide helpful and practicable solutions to safety of riding a bike at night. This volunteer position will help us to communicate the importance of everyday lifestyle changes to lowering individual carbon footprints as well as practical ways in which they can carry this out safely.

We think knowing about **Sustainable Transport** initiatives is important for a number of reasons:

- They encourage cycling which is good both for personal health and the environment
- It encourages other sustainable transport solutions such as Liftshare, E-car and walking
- It facilitates safer cycling
- It develops skills required to lead a more sustainable lifestyle
- It provides a free and valuable service to University of St Andrews students

