**Transition University of St Andrews: Volunteer Task Description**

**Your Role**

**Position:** Interhall Energy Promotions Intern

**Aims:** To contribute to the campaign for reduction of energy use in Halls of Residence.

<https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/environment/energy&water/hallsofresidence/interhall/>

**Main Tasks:** To use social media to engage with hall residents and promote the Interhall Energy Competition; or develop a coherent strategy for strengthening student engagement over the following years.

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**Time commitment:** 2 hours per week

**Times of day:** 0900h – 1700h

**Base:** Transition University of St Andrews, Woodburn Place.

**Skills needs:**

1. Reliability

2. Communication

3. Social media/promotions experience

**Benefits to Volunteer:**

1. Work experience (See attached Skills Map)

2. Research experience

3. Promotions/marketing experience

4. A Transition University of St Andrews volunteer pack

5. Compatible with the Saltire Awards scheme for volunteers

aged 12-25.

**For further information email transition@st-andrews.ac.uk or call 01334 464000.**



Transition University of St Andrews: Environmental Skills Map

**Position:** Interhall Energy Promotions Intern

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.

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| 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 | **X** |
| 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 | **X** |
| Research and Plan Sustainable Solutions | **X** |
| 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 | **X** |
| Aware of How a Changing Environment Creates Opportunities and Risks for Organisations |  |
| Leadership for Change | Support Change in An Organisation | **X** |
| Encourage Others to Improve Sustainability | **X** |



Transition University of St Andrews: Benefit to the Organisation

**Position:** Interhall Energy Promotions 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 **Low Carbon Living** projects.

Through our **Low Carbon Living** projects we aim to increase our knowledge of home energy use in St Andrews and to provide helpful and practicable solutions to home energy issues. This volunteer position will help us to communicate the importance of energy consumption in halls of residence

We think communicating energy consumption to halls is important for a number of reasons:

* Energy and heating costs are a significant proportion of student housing costs
* The energy habits students make at University can stay with them for life
* Scotland’s housing accounts for 25% of carbon emissions
* It helps to bring a sense of environmentalism to the hall community

