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

**Your Role**

**Position:** StAnd Re-Use Intern

**Aims:** To support us with our StAnd Re-Use project to encourage a reuse culture and tackle waste in both the local and student communities. Alongside this we are also looking to build on beach cleans and pave out policy proposals to influence change in both the town and University’s waste practice.

<http://www.transitionsta.org/the-history-of-st-andreuse/>

**Main Tasks: (1)** To help plan, promote and run StAnd Re-Use throughout the year; and **(2)** work on policy proposals to tackle waste. There is also flexibility in this role in which we will support the role-holder in exploring their own ambitions for zero waste in town.

**Time commitment:** 2 hours per week

**Times of day:** 0900h – 1700h

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

**Skills needs:**

1. Organisational skills

2. Reporting and analysis skills

3. Ability to work within a team

**Benefits to Volunteer:**

1. Work experience (See attached Skills Map)

2. Project report experience

3. 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:** StAnd Re-Use 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 | **X** |
| 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 |  |
| Engage with Stakeholders | **X** |
| Sustainable Practice | Support the Implementation of Environmental Management and/or Assessment Tools | **X** |
| 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:** StAnd Re-Use 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 **Circular Economy** Projects.

Through our **Circular Economy** projects we aim to provide an alternative, more sustainable approach to consumption practices. This volunteer position is linked to the StAndRe-Use Project which is a student run organisation which tries to encourage reuse of items within the student community.

We think that it is important to encourage reuse within the student community because:

* Studies have shown students are worse than average at recycling
* Habits created at University have the potential to remain with students forever
* It reduces the volume of waste going to landfill
* Reduction of waste through reuse is one of the most environmentally friendly ways to engage with waste management
* It provides low-cost, low-carbon goods for new students

