Volunteer Role Description - Welsh Language Mentor

Purpose of the Role

Our Welsh Language Mentor Volunteers help create a welcoming, bilingual environment at Denmark Farm by supporting volunteers to practice and build confidence in their Welsh while taking part in other activities such as conservation, gardening, and community events. This role is ideal for a volunteer who enjoys speaking Welsh, encouraging others, and helping people learn in a relaxed, friendly setting, while also doing their bit for the environment.

What the Role Involves

- Chatting informally in Welsh with volunteers during conservation, gardening, or other volunteer sessions
- Encouraging learners to use Welsh at their own pace and comfort level
- Modelling clear, friendly Welsh suitable for mixed-ability groups
- Helping volunteers learn new vocabulary related to nature, wildlife, tools, and tasks
- Supporting bilingual communication during volunteer days
- Helping create a positive, inclusive atmosphere where learners feel safe to try
- (Optional) Assisting with simple bilingual signs, labels, or short social media phrases
- (Optional) Helping staff identify opportunities to increase Welsh use across activities



This is **not** a formal teaching role — it's about friendly conversation, encouragement, and natural language use.

Who We're Looking For

You don't need to be a teacher — just confident speaking Welsh and happy to support learners.

- Fluent or confident Welsh speaker (first language or advanced learner)
- Friendly, patient, and encouraging
- Comfortable chatting with people of different ages and backgrounds
- Interest in nature, conservation, or outdoor volunteering (no experience needed)
- Ability to support learners without pressure or correction overload
- Willingness to follow staff guidance and work as part of a team

When and Where

Welsh mentoring takes place during other volunteer sessions, such as conservation or gardening days, usually on Wednesdays. You can volunteer weekly, fortnightly, or occasionally, and we'd ask you to join in with the activities of the session. Times and dates will be agreed in advance with the Volunteer Coordinator.

Support and Training
You will be provided with:

- A warm welcome and induction to Denmark Farm and our wildlife-friendly ethos
- Support from staff and other volunteers
- Opportunities to learn more about nature, conservation, and the vocabulary used in activities

What You'll Gain

- The satisfaction of helping others grow their confidence in Welsh
- A chance to use your own Welsh in a natural setting, and enjoy time outdoors
- Opportunities to meet new people and be part of a friendly, supportive team
- A meaningful role that supports bilingualism, community, and wellbeing
- Experience in informal language mentoring

Practical Information

- No formal teaching experience required
- Sessions take place outdoors or in practical settings — please dress appropriately
- Travel expenses may be reimbursed in line with our volunteer policy
- Volunteers must follow our safeguarding and health & safety guidance

How to Get Involved
To join our friendly volunteer team, please contact us at volunteer@denmarkfarm.org.uk or complete the volunteer enquiry form on our website:
https://www.denmarkfarm.org.uk/root-branch-volunteer-enquiry-form/



