Volunteer Cook

Raleigh’s Outdoor Assessment Residential

Raleigh International is looking for a dedicated group of volunteers to help run our outdoor assessment residential (ROAR). The purpose of the residential is to assess the suitability of young people for an expedition whilst supporting the personal development of each participant.

The young people invited to the ROAR are referred to Raleigh through our Youth Partnership Programme. This programme provides young people a bursary to take part in a Raleigh Expedition and is designed to provide volunteering opportunities to those who could not otherwise take part due to social or financial disadvantage.

The residential is held over 4 days at Hebden Hey Scout Centre, West Yorkshire and is designed to give the participants a taste of expedition life. It is mostly an outdoor event and includes team work and problem solving activities, trekking and camping.

Role Overview

We are looking for a diverse range of volunteer cooks, aged 18 or above, who have the necessary skills plan and cook food for up to 50 people over 4 days. We try to recruit two cooks per event so the workload can be split.

We are looking for people who are passionate and enthusiastic about Raleigh’s work. Experience of a Raleigh expedition would be an advantage.

Main duties and responsibilities

- Provide all meals for the volunteer facilitators, staff and participants throughout the residential.
- Ensure all food is cooked thoroughly and prepared hygienically.
- Responsible for the kitchen area
- You will not be responsible for washing/cleaning up – coordinate and direct participants to do this

We will provide examples of meals that we know work well in terms of budget and numbers of people. However, other than the Adventure Phase menu, feel free to adapt the menu to suit you. Head office staff will purchase the ingredients beforehand so please coordinate with them.

Benefits

- Gain valuable experience helping to run a residential for a group that is integral to Raleigh International
- Be inspired by hard to reach young people and be a role model to them.
Donate your time to a leading sustainable development charity, who carry out valuable project work in some of the world’s poorest communities overseas.

The role will be supported by Raleigh’s Training Team.

Travel, accommodation, and all food provided.

**Remuneration: £60 a day**. Expenses will be covered up to £75 and all food will be provided throughout the residential.

**Volunteer’s commitment**

1. Apply by sending in a CV and covering letter/ email that:

- Explains your motivations for the role
- Outlines any relevant experience and skills you have that would make you a suitable for the role

2. Interview for shortlisted applicants with a member of the Training team
3. DBS status and references checked
4. Dependant on availability successful applicants will then be asked to sign up to a specific ROAR date.
5. Be open to constructive feedback from peers and Raleigh staff
6. Provide Raleigh Staff with constructive feedback on the participants and the ROAR programme.