



# VOLUNTEERING AT DERWENTWATER INDEPENDENT HOSTEL



We're looking to recruit volunteers to come and stay at Derwentwater Independent Hostel this summer, and to work alongside our hostel team.

Working 5 hours per day over a 5 day week, you'll help us with breakfast and/or dinner service, washing up and housekeeping, as well as some gardening and grounds work, helping us to keep the hostel running smoothly and the house and grounds looking great.

On arrival we will give you a rota so you know when your days off will be and what times you'll work each day. Generally it could either be 5 hours in the morning from 7am or 8am, straight through finishing at lunchtime, or we may ask you to work three hours in the morning, and then come back in the evening for another two hour shift. Either way, you get plenty of free time during the day to get out and explore.

## **Minimum Commitment of Time & Length of Stay**

We're asking for a minimum one week commitment, and in return we'll provide you with food and accommodation for your stay, and a unique and memorable experience, with time off to explore Derwentwater and the Borrowdale Valley. We welcome stays from 1 week, up to a maximum of 6 weeks.

## **Arriving & Departing**

We prefer our volunteers to arrive and start with us on a Sunday, which gives us plenty of time to give you a proper induction and to show you around the hostel.



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## Accommodation

As accommodation in the hostel is very limited, we're especially interested to hear from people who are happy to camp for a week or more, or who have their own campervan for accommodation. For short term volunteers we can offer three forms of hostel accommodation:

- a bed in a shared male or female dormitory (shared with guests)
- a camping pitch—bring your own tent and camping equipment
- a space to park your own campervan, with electric hook up



## Volunteering with Your Family

Families are also welcome, allowing you to share the work part of your stay between you, provided those actually working are 16 or older. If applying as a family, please indicate who will be volunteering and who else may be staying with you.

## Payment & Expenses

This is a volunteer role and as such there is no payment, and we're not able to provide travel expenses to get to the hostel. We will, however, provide free accommodation and three meals a day, for the duration of your stay. You'll also be provided with uniform, and protective equipment as required. Just bring suitable clean clothing and sturdy footwear for working in a kitchen, and all of your outdoor gear for getting out on the fells.

Most importantly, we provide a memorable experience and the opportunity to explore Derwentwater, Keswick & Borrowdale.

## Previous Volunteers

We have some very fond memories of the volunteers we have met and worked with, and hope you will be happy to come and join us.



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## How To Apply

To make an application to volunteer at Derwentwater Independent Hostel, please email [reception@derwentwater.org](mailto:reception@derwentwater.org), including the following information:

- Preferred dates
- Length of Stay
- Your Accommodation Requirements
- Experience in Food Service, Washing Up, Housekeeping and any general maintenance skills
- Confirmation of your entitlement to work in the UK

It's also really useful if you tell us a little about yourself, and why you think you'd fit in at the hostel, and what you would get out of spending time here. If you want to share your facebook, Instagram or linkedin details then we can see a little more about you too.

## An Important Note to Anyone Travelling from Outside the UK

Unfortunately now that the UK has left the European Union, freedom of movement from the EU to the UK has now ended. This means that we can only consider volunteers who are a UK citizen, Irish citizen, EU citizen with settled or pre-settled status, Commonwealth citizen with the right to abode in the UK, BNO passport holder or those who hold a Tier 5 Youth Mobility Scheme (working holiday) visa.

To check your eligibility to work, volunteer or study in the UK you should first contact the UK Embassy in your home country.



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