



Day Volunteering

What does the Centre for Alternative Technology do?

The Centre for Alternative Technology, or CAT as it is affectionately known, aims to inspire, inform and enable people to achieve practical solutions for sustainability and to equip people with the skills, knowledge and understanding to help our society make this change.

We work towards this goal through our graduate school, visitor centre containing interactive displays demonstrating a wide range of sustainable technology, short courses, school and university visits, information service and Zero Carbon Britain reports.

As a volunteer, you will be a crucial part of this organisation, no matter which department you work in how long you volunteer with us for.

How does day volunteering work?

Most day volunteers come in for a full workday, which is usually 9am – 5pm any day from Monday to Friday, though some departments have slightly different arrangements (e.g. gardens work 9.30-5.30). There are morning and afternoon tea breaks at 11am and 4pm, and an hour for lunch at 1pm. Lunch is provided for free in our onsite cafe for any volunteer working a full day.

Day volunteering is our most flexible option, allowing you to work full days, odd days, or even odd hours (if your supervisor agrees). The frequency of your volunteering is also flexible subject to discussion with your supervisor, it can be anything from 5 days a week to 1 day a month or even less.

We also pay travel expenses for day volunteers (see below).

What does CAT provide?

- Initial and ongoing training as required.
- Support and direction from a Supervisor in your own department.
- An environment in which to learn new skills and gain valuable knowledge.
- The opportunity to meet new, like-minded people.
- Free lunch in our onsite café for every full day worked.

- 10% discount on most products in our Shop.
- Discounted Short Courses:
 - o ≥250 hours service = 30% off two courses
 - o ≥500 hours service = 50% off two courses
- Travel expenses:
 - o Car 40p per mile
 - o Motorbike 24p per mile
 - o Bicycle 20p per mile
 - o Train Total fare
 - o Bus Total fare
 - o Up to a maximum of £16.60 per week.

Who are we looking for?

We're looking for people who:

- Are enthusiastic and keen to get stuck-in with tasks, whether alone or in a team
- Are friendly, polite and amenable to others.
- Are reliable and trustworthy
- Will follow their Supervisors instructions and CAT's policies and procedures.
- Have knowledge, interest or a willingness to learn about sustainability and CAT's work.

Departments may also have other requirements, which will be detailed in the role description pages on our website.

We can accept applications for day volunteers, also known as regular (as in frequent) volunteers, at any time of year.

To apply, please fill in our Volunteer Application Form

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