



## CANAL CAMP ASSISTANT LEADER: OVERVIEW

<b>Role Title</b>	Canal Camp Assistant Leader
<b>Responsible to</b>	Canal Camp Leader/WRG Board/ Staff Team
<b>Location</b>	Nation wide
<b>What they do</b>	Your main role is to ensure that WRG Canal Camps are a <b>fun, well planned and safe experiences.</b>
<b>Why it matters</b>	<p>Every year WRG runs between 16-20 Summer Canal Camps and this means we need to find more than 60 volunteer Canal Camp leaders and assistant leaders each year.</p> <p>We restore canals because they are a key part of our 21<sup>st</sup> century green-blue infrastructure – acting as a huge, linear national park, connecting communities, providing safe havens for wildlife and spaces for people to enjoy and relax in. They are also an important part of our industrial heritage and could play an important role going forward in protecting us from flooding due to climate change.</p>
<b>What's involved</b>	<p>Every Canal Camp should have an assistant or co-leader to aid and support the leader. You will be involved in many aspects of the camp (before, during and after) – either on site, in the accommodation or planning evening activities.</p> <p>There is no ‘correct’ way to run a camp, or to allocate jobs between the leader and assistant leader, but it is important to agree jobs and responsibilities before the start of the camp and to work as a team.</p> <p>Most leaders were assistants and most assistants were volunteers - and we can help with mentoring from established leaders and assistants to help you make the next step</p>

## DETAILS

<p><b>Time Commitment</b></p>	<p>As an assistant you need to be able to give up a week of your time, have some experience of Canal Camps, and most of all be willing to look after 18 wonderful volunteers!</p> <p>Time commitment varies depending on the nature of the camp and level of planning required but we anticipate it will involve 5-10 hours per month in the lead up to the Canal Camp.</p> <p>And will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One day site visit</li> <li>• Attendance at the Leaders Training Day (21<sup>st</sup> May).</li> <li>• 7 days on a Canal Camp</li> </ul>
<p><b>Main Tasks</b></p>	<p>The role will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation and planning before the Canal Camp including liaising with volunteers, organising social events during the camp or leading sub-teams during the camp.</li> <li>• Reviewing Project Plan and method statements written by the Technical Support Officer.</li> <li>• You are responsible for supporting the leader to ensure you team of volunteers have a safe and enjoyable experience.</li> <li>• Attending the <b>Leaders Training Day</b> on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Required skills and experience</b></p>	<p>To become an Assistant Canal Camp Leader you must have experience and knowledge of supporting and leading groups of people to create safe, engaging and fun working holiday experiences.</p>
<p><b>Training and Support</b></p>	<p>You will receive ongoing support and resources from WRG Staff Team (Jenny Morris and Jonathan Green) and Technical Support Officer (Mikk Bradley).</p> <p>WRG is committed to the training and development of all our volunteers. Canal Camp Assistant Leaders will be encouraged to develop the skills necessary to enable them to run high quality and fun Canal Camps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will arrange a <b>1 hour induction session</b> via zoom to explain the plans for the Canal Camp.</li> <li>• <b>Access to IWA’s virtual Resources</b> (Volunteer &amp; Restoration Hub) which includes Leaders Guidance Notes.</li> <li>• Leaders Training Day (21<sup>st</sup> May)</li> </ul> <p><b>Expenses:</b> We will cover pre-agreed travel expenses for site visits and travel to and from the Canal Camp.</p>

<b>To Apply</b>	Please contact Jenny Morris to discuss the role: <b>Phone:</b> 01494 783 453 ext 611 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:jenny.morris@waterways.org.uk">jenny.morris@waterways.org.uk</a>
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