



Kew at Castle Howard

## Education & Outreach Programme

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#### Vacancy Details

The Arboretum Trust is a small charity next to Castle Howard in North Yorkshire. The Trust was formed in 1997, by the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew and Castle Howard, to support the development of what has become arguably one of the finest arboreta in the country. Our 160 acres is home to around 6,000 plants and trees of 1,500 different species, all set in the beautiful surroundings of the Howardian Hills. We have a beautiful Visitor & Education Centre and our Education Programme was started in January 2007 to develop an educational programme for school groups. The programme is curriculum linked, filled with fun and interactive activities for children of all ages.

With the programme now well established, additional recruits are needed to join the enthusiastic Volunteer Team to assist in the set up and delivery of outdoor activities for members of the public and school groups.

**Experience** in Art, Education for Sustainable Development, Biology, Ecology or Geography is an advantage but is in **no way essential**. This position is ideal for those who have an interest in children's education, are available on a flexible and casual basis, for example those who have recently retired or have young children of a school age. Above all applicants should be **enthusiastic, enjoy spending time outside, keen to help children learn about their surroundings and to encourage them to be inquisitive**. The time commitment involved is decided by the individual volunteer and can range from one day a month to one day a week. We are usually busiest during term times, especially from May to July. Full training will be provided.

Additional small volunteer projects are also available, such as creating information displays on topics relevant to the arboretum, such as butterflies or fungi, or outdoor work creating additional habitats for woodland invertebrates.

Due to the nature of the role, confirmation of the above appointment will be subject to successful candidates obtaining an acceptable enhanced disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau.

Application forms are available on request or can be downloaded from the education pages of our website, [www.kewatch.co.uk](http://www.kewatch.co.uk). For further information on any of the above or to arrange visit please contact Dr Katherine Forsey, Education & Outreach Programme Manager, on [education@kewatch.co.uk](mailto:education@kewatch.co.uk) or (01653) 648598.