

# DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY



**Name of Project** – Outreach Volunteer

**Brief summary of the Task - and why it is important to the NPA**

Use of the outreach vehicle will enhance opportunities for a wide range of National Park Authority staff to further engage with the public. It will enable us to:

- reach new audiences particularly in Exeter, Torbay, Totnes, Newton Abbot and Plymouth, thus helping to help build links between urban and rural populations;
- help on the ground delivery of awareness programmes including promoting public transport, walking for health initiatives, sustainable recreation and tourism, local produce, climate change and sustainable development;
- provide opportunities for key partners, including DCC and local business interests, to jointly promote shared activities;
- assist with site management and information availability at heavily-used recreation sites on Dartmoor including Roborough Down and Cadover Bridge (the latter 2 located on south west Dartmoor and where no permanent information facility exists) and at Steps Bridge and Newbridge (gateway points to the National Park from the east particularly from Exeter and Newton Abbot respectively);
- provide more responsive provision to particular issues and events, e.g. providing canoeing information, attendance at farm open days and local shows; and
- support local consultation processes

Use of the outreach vehicle will literally take the Moor to Devon. The vehicle will help to promote Dartmoor's special qualities more widely and will assist the Authority in engaging more effectively with users and non-users of the National Park.

**Timescale and Location**

Generally help is required for full day or half day engagements with the vehicle being deployed in a variety of moorland, rural and urban locations as described above.

**Skills and Experience**

- The ability to communicate effectively with people from different disciplines
- A broad knowledge of Dartmoor
- An understanding of the role of National Parks and the work of National Park Authorities

**Suitable For**

Any one with an interest in National Parks and enjoys engaging and sharing information with the public. You will gain experience working alongside National Park staff and other volunteers.

**Equipment Required**

Suitable outdoor clothing although the van will not be deployed in extreme weather conditions. The ability to either meet on location or come to Bovey Tracey where the vehicle is located

**Training and induction**

You will need to attend a 1 day training course about the NP and initial induction training to cover any health and safety and other relevant policies. Specific training on the operation of the outreach van although you will not be required to drive it. Briefings on the day at each event by the staff present about any themes or information which is being promoted.

**Contact details**

For further information or to register an interest in this work please contact Claire Partridge Events and Activities Officer [cpartridge@dartmoor.gov.uk](mailto:cpartridge@dartmoor.gov.uk)