**Apprentice  
Level 2, Environmental Conservation**

**Purpose**

Don Catchment Rivers Trust is an independent charitable trust, which aims to rehabilitate and conserve the rivers in the Don catchment. We are looking for an apprentice to undertake a Level 2 qualification, working on the Heritage Lottery Funded *‘Living Heritage of the River Don’* project.

**Main Duties and Responsibilities**

* Completing the practical and desk based parts of an Environmental Conservation qualification
* Attending Askham Bryan college for ‘day release’ one day per week
* Completing practical tasks on riverside ‘hotspots’ and the Don Valley Way trail
* Working alongside and eventually leading volunteer groups to carry out practical management tasks
* Assisting with community activities and engagement – i.e. school visits, events and community ‘Don Discovery Days’
* Undertaking training in practical, heritage and identification skills
* Organise and maintain tools, equipment and personal protective equipment
* Adhering to all health and safety rules and regulations
* Undertaking any other duties, which the apprentice supervisor/s may reasonably request

**Person Specification**

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| **Requirements & Criteria** | **Essential / Desirable** |
| **Knowledge and Experience** |  |
| Some experience of conservation work – voluntary or paid | D |
| Knowledge of the River Don and/or the environment | D |
| Understanding of the role of Don Catchment Rivers Trust | D |
| **Education, training and qualifications** |  |
| GCSE (or equivalent in Maths & English) | E |
| A commitment to completing the apprenticeship – practical work and portfolio work | E |
| **Skills and abilities** |  |
| Adaptability to practical tasks | E |
| Willingness to work as part of a team | E |
| A desire and commitment to learn new skills | E |
| Ability to organise and manage your time | D |
| Practical ability to learn to operate machinery and hand tools | E |
| Working knowledge of basic ICT and social media | D |
| Good record keeping and evidence gathering | E |
| Confidence in communicating with volunteers and public | D |
| Proactive and self-starting | E |
| **Other** |  |
| Willingness to travel – driving licence or strong commitment to passing driving test within 6 months of start date | E |
| Flexible and adaptable approach to work | E |
| Willingness to take on physical demands of the post | E |

**Duration:** 15 months starting October 2017, 30 hours per week (Monday – Thursday) including day release to Askham Bryan College.

**Pay:** Apprentice minimum wage, currently £3.50 per hour, rising to age related minimum wage after one year

**To apply:** visit our website www.dcrt.org.uk/vacancies and download an application form. Call 01302 796173 with enquiries about the post.

**Applications:** must be received by 21st July 2017

**Interviews:** will take place on Wednesday 9th August 2017