

Title	Walk Leader
Location	Inverclyde, Scotland
When and how often	This is flexible – to be agreed
Reporting to	Shona Morris

About Us

Cycling UK inspires and helps people to cycle and keep cycling. We believe that cycling is more than just transport; it makes you feel good, gives you a sense of freedom and creates a better environment for everyone. We also know that cycling can play a major role to address the impact of social, economic and health inequalities across the United Kingdom.

The fantastic support of our volunteers means that people can experience the joy of cycling with Cycling UK groups up and down the country, building their cycling confidence, improving their health and making friends.

Pop-Up Bothy

In spring 2018 we will be introducing The Bothy, Inverclyde's home of walking and cycling. This is a collaborative project, working with over 10 local organisations to promote the benefits of walking and cycling. As part of this exciting project we will be inviting local people to take part in walks and cycle rides. We are now looking for committed walk leaders to lead the walks. As a walk leader you can enable people to walk together in a safe, friendly and supportive way, which in turn helps maintain the health and social well being of your local community.

Responsibilities

- Planning routes
- Leading regular walks, often jointly with other walk leaders
- Welcoming walkers and ensuring all sign the register or complete registration forms
- Helping to create a friendly and inclusive atmosphere
- Risk assessing the route including contingency plans for road closures and extreme weather
- Taking reasonable measures to ensure the safety of the group
- Supporting new and less experienced participants to build their confidence and ensure no one is left behind
- Being part of a volunteer team and attending occasional meetings
- Publicising walks
- Reporting any serious incidents during a walk to The Bothy Project Coordinator, Cycling UK and walk insurance brokers

Skills

Ideally, you will have already, or be willing to work towards, the following:

- A confident walker
- Knowledge of local walking routes

- Friendly, welcoming and encouraging attitude
- Sensitive to other's needs i.e. planning suitable rest stops
- Able to assess someone's general wellbeing before a walk
- Understands the reasons why someone would prefer walking as part of a group and the importance of social interaction
- Able to work with a team of volunteers
- Reliable, well-organised and punctual

Desirable Skills

- Up to date first aid qualification
- Experience of walking in a group

Benefits

You have the satisfaction of sharing your knowledge and skills to get more people out walking. In addition, walk leaders can expect to benefit from:

- Being a walk leader is enjoyable, rewarding and fun
- You can choose when and where you walk
- The opportunity to meet new people and make lasting friendships
- Health benefits from regular walking
- Skills development including leadership, management and communication skills
- Increasing your knowledge of local walking routes and areas of interest
- Satisfaction of increasing health and wellbeing of your local community through walking

Training and Support

- Walk leader training
- Regular meetings with the volunteer manager/group leader
- Shadowing of a volunteer/employee
- Support from Cycling UK and The Bothy Project Coordinator
- Access to online resources including risk assessment guidance

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults

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