

## Summer volunteering opportunities for Bristol's Festival of Nature!

This summer is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bristol's Festival of Nature and we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to take part in six weeks of wildlife activities across the city, building up to the main event on the 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> June!

### Bristol.99 – discovering the city's best nature spots!



Bristol.99 starts on 3<sup>rd</sup> May as we explore the 99 best sites for nature in the city through a series of exciting events and activities, engaging communities across the city with their local green spaces.

We need volunteers to help local community groups, schools and Bristol's top wildlife experts run all kinds of activities from bug hunts to cycling safaris during the six weeks leading up to the Festival of Nature main event on Bristol Harbourside.

There will be the opportunity to take part in workshops on public engagement, evaluation and wildlife recording with leading experts before we let you loose to practice your new skills at our first and biggest Bristol.99 event – the Bristol BioBlitz at Kings Weston Estate (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May).

As we collect data about the species we find along the way, you will be part of Bristol's biggest ever wildlife survey as you become a true citizen scientist!

As well as event volunteers, we are also looking for expert naturalists to lead activities so get in touch with your ideas!

### Bristol Festival of Nature

The Festival of Nature weekend has been the highlight of the summer for Bristol's families and wildlife enthusiasts for the last 10 years, and as always we depend heavily on volunteers to make this huge celebration of the natural world happen.

Helpers are needed from June 13th to 16th for all manner of tasks such as setting up stalls and marquees, guiding school groups around the site and engaging and informing some of the 15,000 visitors at the festival – a great opportunity to become a valued volunteer for the BNHC

*Volunteers are needed for the following days:*

- Thursday June 13th: Set up day – helping to prepare the festival site
- Friday June 14th: Schools day – guiding school groups through activities
- Saturday June 15th: Main Festival Day – various activities
- Sunday June 16th: Main Festival Day – various activities

No experience is necessary; just enthusiasm and willingness to help out for at least one full day (8am to 6:30pm), although volunteers are welcome to assist over several days.



### Register to volunteer today!

To register as a volunteer you can sign up online at <http://www.bnhc.org.uk/home/jobsvolunteering.html>. You need to register for BioBlitz/Bristol.99 separately from the Festival. If you have any queries or trouble with the registration process, contact our Volunteers Manager, Matt – [matt@bnhc.org.uk](mailto:matt@bnhc.org.uk), 0117 317 8751.



## Bristol99 Volunteer Training Workshops

Brandon Hill Nature Reserve, 2pm-4pm

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2013



## Bristol BioBlitz at Kings Weston

3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013

## Bristol99 DataHack and Volunteers Party

Venue tbc, 4pm onwards

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Register to volunteer today and we'll be in touch to book you in to one of our workshop sessions: [http://www.survey.bris.ac.uk/bnhc/bioblitz\\_b99vols2013](http://www.survey.bris.ac.uk/bnhc/bioblitz_b99vols2013)

We are running free workshops for volunteers as part of Bristol99 – Discovering Bristol's 99 best wildlife sites with a series of exciting events and activities to engage communities across the city with their local green spaces.

Learn from experts before we let you loose to practice your new skills at our first and biggest Bristol99 event – the Bristol BioBlitz at Kings Weston Estate (3rd/4th May).

### Topics covered

- Public engagement with Ed Drewitt (BTO and Bristol Dinosaur Project)
- Biological Recording with Richard Comont (Oxford University and CEH)
- Event Evaluation with Matt Postles (BNHC)

As Bristol99 volunteers you will use your new skills to help local community groups, schools and Bristol's top wildlife experts run all kinds of activities from bug hunts to cycling safaris during the six weeks leading up to the Festival of Nature main event on Bristol Harbourside.

As we collect data about the species we find along the way, you will be part of Bristol's biggest ever wildlife survey as you become a true citizen scientist! Your volunteering journey will close with our big wildlife DataHack party where we will send off our records to the national biodiversity database before celebrating in style!

To find out more contact [Matt@bnhc.org.uk](mailto:Matt@bnhc.org.uk) or register online at [http://www.survey.bris.ac.uk/bnhc/bioblitz\\_b99vols2013](http://www.survey.bris.ac.uk/bnhc/bioblitz_b99vols2013)