

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION | Wildestan Expert

This is a role that starts in the *Winter 2025/26* season. It can be completed alongside a Summer 2026 expedition role.

Wildestan Oman Overview

Wildestan Oman will give Young Adventurers the chance to engage with our UK experts and in field expedition team 'Oman 3165' as they journey in sea kayak around the Gulf of Oman and Arabian Sea. Together, they will delve into the intricacies of the environment, life, climate, and wildlife of the Oman coastline and maritime environment.

Through this innovative online programme, Wildestan Adventurers will gain access to a rarely seen location and a unique perspective on Oman and its maritime environment. The programme will encourage Young Adventurers to connect the comforts of home with the untamed wilderness, helping them apply their new knowledge and experiences to their local surroundings and beyond.

At the end of the programme, Wildestan Adventurers will be invited to join our Finding Your Feet Adventure, a residential weekend in the UK, where they can celebrate their achievements and practice the skills they have learnt.

Session Dates and Times

Broadcasting live at 1pm GMT, during Golden Hour in Oman. Sessions will last approximately 90 minutes, split between input from UK-based Wildestan Experts and our team in Oman.

- Saturday 10 January 2026
- Saturday 17 January 2026
- Saturday 24 January 2026
- Saturday 31 January 2026
- Saturday 7 February 2026

Wildestan Antarctica Overview

Wildestan Antarctica will give Young Adventurers the chance to actively engage with our inspirational UK experts and a dedicated team residing and operating at Port Lockroy British Antarctica, via live online sessions. Together, they will delve into the intricacies of the environment, life, climate, and wildlife of Antarctica and the UK.

Through this innovative online programme, Wildestan Adventurers will gain access to a rarely seen location and a unique perspective on Antarctica. The programme will encourage Young Adventurers to connect the comforts of home with the untamed wilderness, helping them apply their new knowledge and experiences to their local surroundings and beyond.

At the end of the programme, Wildestan Adventurers will be invited to join our Finding Your Feet Adventure, a residential weekend in the UK, where they can celebrate their achievements and practice the skills they have learnt.

Session Dates and Times

Broadcasting live at 5.45pm GMT. Sessions will last approximately 90 minutes, split between input from UK-based Wildestan Experts and the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust in Port Lockroy.

- Wednesday 14 January 2026
- Wednesday 21 January 2026
- Wednesday 28 January 2026
- Wednesday 4 February 2026
- Wednesday 11 February 2026

Responsibilities

Under the guidance of a Chief Expert, Wildestan Experts will share planning and delivery responsibilities for one or more sessions in the Wildestan programme.

Each Wildestan session will be led by intrepid and inspiring experts in their field. Sessions will explore the following topics:

- People: Meet the Wildestan Team
- Camp Smart & Explore: Basecamp and Expedition Know-How
- Wildlife Watch: Tracking UK and Overseas Animals & Wildlife
- Fauna and Flora: Understanding the environment we are operating in and living with
- Guardians of Nature: Weather and Environmental Stewardship

Whatever your field of expertise, you'll be a dynamic and engaging role model for our Young Adventurers.

Before the programme

- Attend a Wildestan Expert online induction
- Work with the Chief Expert to design one or more interactive online session(s) for approximately 30 young people.

During the programme

- Deliver your session(s).

After the programme

- Support evaluation of the programme by contributing to the Chief Expert's Post-Programme Report.

Person Specification

| Essential Skills | Assessed in Your... |
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| Experience of delivering activities, workshops or informal learning to groups of young people. | Leader Profile |
| Wildestan is open to young people from a variety of backgrounds, often with no prior knowledge in programme subject areas. Content must be designed to be accessible and inclusive. | Leader Profile |
| Knowledge and enthusiasm about your area(s) of expertise, and the ability to convey this to Young Adventurers. | Leader Profile |
| Comfortable presenting live on camera in a dynamic environment and open outdoor public space. | Leader Profile |
| Excellent interpersonal, communication and collaboration skills. | Leader Profile |
| An understanding of modern streaming platforms and technologies. | Leader Profile |
| An interest in youth development. | Leader Profile |
| Creativity and a can-do attitude. | Leader Profile |

Personal Attributes

| Core Value | How Core Values appear as a characteristic, behaviour or competency |
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| Courage | Tackles new tasks, can embrace difficult decision-making and conversations, and supports others to do the same. |
| Self-belief | Is resilient, responds well to knock backs, likes opportunities to learn from mistakes. |
| Challenge | Has a can-do attitude, gets hands on as needed, quickly learns from setbacks and adapts behaviour to drive success. |
| Community | Is an authentic, mature communicator who values a wide range of stakeholder equally. |

Safer Recruitment Requirements

British Exploring Society is committed to creating a safe environment where young people can thrive. To ensure this, all our volunteers complete an onboarding process that confirms they have the right experience, checks, and training in place before working with young people.

For this role, you will need to complete:

- A DBS check (it helps if you are registered with the DBS Update Service).
- Two recent references, one of which must be a professional reference.
- Any additional onboarding tasks as identified by British Exploring Society.

Building an inclusive community of Leaders

British Exploring Society is committed to building an executive and volunteer team that together represent a diverse variety of backgrounds, skills, and perspectives on the

world. The more inclusive we are, the better we think we'll be at delivering our charitable aims.

Our focus is on supporting those most disadvantaged in childhood and adolescence. To deliver our charitable aims, and secure our future, our actions and behaviours must support our commitment to welcoming young people, volunteers and team members from backgrounds and life experiences that reflect our aims and the changing dynamics of contemporary life.

We are making good progress providing access and programmes that work for young people from right across society, but we urgently need to diversify our staff and volunteer teams. We actively seek the energy, wisdom, and challenge of those who represent the life experiences of the young people we serve, and who can increase our effectiveness as a team.

How to apply

Please note that we prefer Wildestan experts to be part of our existing Approved Leaders pool. This means that you would have passed assessment for another role.

We recruit volunteers on a rolling basis, throughout the year.

STEP 1: [Express interest in leading with British Exploring Society.](#)

STEP 2: Complete your Leader Profile and attend a 90-minute Introductory Webinar.

STEP 3: Our Expeditions team will review your Leader Profile and, if you meet our criteria, you will be invited to book a 30-minute interview.

STEP 4: If successful at interview, you will become a British Exploring Society Approved Leader, ready to apply to become a Wildestan Expert.

If you have questions about this role please contact expeditions@britishexploring.org.