

# SUSTAINABLE

# *St Albans*



**Thank you for expressing interest in the volunteering role of Climate Champion and supporting the development of a team of champions to help the St Albans. We welcome your feedback and questions on this role and the team development.**

## **Climate Champion Role Description**

**Purpose of the role is:** to support Sustainable St Albans to engage, inspire and inform a wide variety of local residents and organisations to take action in the response to the climate and ecological crisis. Your volunteering will be part of a series of initiatives developed by Sustainable St Albans as part of the St Albans Climate Action Network which supports the St Albans District Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan target to reach net zero by 2030.

### **What does this involve:**

- Speak about climate action at a minimum of five events during one year. We aim to match your interests and experience to the audience you will be talking to.
- Being available to help at a minimum of two Sustainable St Albans market stalls a year where you will talk to members of the public about action they can take on climate change.
- Attending a regular monthly team planning meeting which could last up to 1 hour

The five events could include:

- > On a stall at a community event talking to members of the public.
- > Visiting community groups that are not traditionally involved in environmental activities and who welcome invited speakers; for example these could include residents associations, faith organisations, women's groups and grassroots groups working with minority ethnic communities.
- > Giving talks to individuals from the private sector which might include business networking groups or invite only events
- > Presenting to representatives of the public services such as council, health services or educational establishments.

- Support the team in arranging or hosting events which will inspire and help people take action.
- Support team development by sharing learning, knowledge and skills
- Write blog posts / articles for our website and local media channels (optional)
- Share activity on personal social media (optional)

### **We will provide training, information or support on:**

- > Climate issues and trusted sources for information on solutions
- > The variety of actions which can help people, organisations and communities reduce their CO2 emissions
- > How to communicate and speak in public

> Eco anxiety, climate grief and climate loss

**Skills or attributes you will need:**

A real interest in environmental issues, and some existing knowledge

Willingness to try something new, learn and stay up to date

Public speaking skills or desire to build confidence or improve these skills

Excellent listening skills

Enjoys being part of a team, be flexible and non judgemental

Good customer service skills, i.e. polite and can deal with problems in positive way

Live in St Albans district or within easy travelling distance

**What you might gain:**

A greater knowledge about your local community

A greater knowledge of the required action for climate and nature

Project work skills

Event management skills

About community development and engagement

How to develop yourself personally and professionally

Experience and skills that you can detail on application forms or CVs

**Who will supervise me / who do I go to if I have a problem:** You'll be working as part of a team of Climate Champions who will be supporting each other but our Community Engagement Officer will be supervising the team and will be available at all times if you have a problem you need help with.

**Time commitment:**

We would like you to commit to a minimum of talking at 5 events and 2 markets a year. Which we estimate would take 50 hours in one year including liaising with the talk organiser, training, preparation and speaking at the event..This is a minimum number of hours we would ask you to commit.

Markets are generally on weekends. Events where you will be speaking may vary, but are most commonly on a weekday evening. However, we aim to recruit Champions who can cover daytime, evenings and weekend events.

We are flexible about when you volunteer but we really appreciate you being honest and letting us know if your circumstances are changing and you can no longer commit to volunteering.

**Location:**

We don't have a base so we will meet in community building, in public spaces or on zoom.

**Volunteer expenses:**

We currently do not have a budget for this although we are seeking funding to cover travel expenses. We are committed to reducing barriers to volunteering. If you would like help with travel please let Sarah Kersey know during the recruitment and induction phase.

**Interested in this role? [Complete this very short form](#) (5 mins)**

**What happens next:**

January 2022: We will invite you to an induction meeting where you will meet other people who have expressed an interest in the role and will be joining the team. This will be face to face or via Zoom depending on Covid restrictions.