

## **Oxfam Trailtrekker General Volunteer**

**Location:** Skipton and various locations in the Yorkshire Dales

**Date:** 25 – 27 May 2012

**Commitment:** Up to three days' work during Trailtrekker

### **Background:**

Oxfam Trailtrekker is the 100km team challenge across the Yorkshire Dales National Park, starting and finishing in Skipton. Teams of four trek day and night to complete the course in under 30 hours. It's an amazing experience that combines endurance, teamwork, determination and navigation, to make a truly memorable achievement.

A key part of Trailtrekker are the many volunteers who help out– we couldn't run the event without you! In 2011 we raised £300,000, and our plans for 2012 are to raise £500,000 – to do this we need 300 volunteers. Be a part of this amazing experience, and we can promise you a memorable and worthwhile weekend!

"I had an absolute blast – so many people working hard and putting in loads of effort to help those less fortunate. There is hope in the world yet. Thanks again for such a great time. Still haven't stopped smiling yet." Ken Syrett, Trailtrekker volunteer

### **Purpose**

To provide first-class support to Trailtrekker participants and support crews.

### **Role Location**

Start/finish point at Aireville School, Skipton, plus various locations around the Trailtrekker course.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Ensuring that Trailtrekker teams and support crews are well looked after during Trailtrekker, from the point they arrive at the event to the time they leave
- Providing moral support and encouragement for the walkers, to celebrate their achievement and help keep them going
- Helping with registration and check-in processes as walkers and support crews arrive
- Assisting with setting up and clearing away the facilities at the start/finish point, and helping keep all Trailtrekker locations clean and tidy
- Serving food and drink during the event
- Giving directions to the facilities around the course and at the start/finish point
- Helping with car parking (for participants and support crews)
- Working effectively as part of the Trailtrekker team, and taking on tasks as requested by Volunteer Co-ordinators

**Skills and competences:**

- Enthusiasm – the Trailtrekkers are raising huge amounts of money for Oxfam and taking on a huge challenge, and they deserve to be clapped, cheered and supported all the way round the course!
- Hard working – Trailtrekker is hard work for volunteers and participants alike, and is at its most rewarding when approached actively
- Team playing, with a flexible approach to work, and ability to follow instructions

All Trailtrekker volunteers must be 18 years old by the date of the 2012 event.

**What this role will offer you:**

- The chance to be part of something amazing! Trailtrekker is a life-changing experience for participants and for the thousands of people around the world that Oxfam helps to work their way out of poverty
- An opportunity to show that you are an active citizen
- Fun! "Wonderful people, incredible teams, a chance to help out: an opportunity to watch the sunrise in a beautiful location while doing something worthwhile – what's not to love?!"  
Jenny Smith, Trailtrekker Volunteer
- An Oxfam Volunteer T-shirt, and meals during the event (for all full shifts completed)
- Free camping during the event, plus space in the sleeping hall at Aireville School, Skipton
- Detailed feedback from Oxfam on the success and impact of Trailtrekker 2012

**Application process:** See <http://www.oxfam.org.uk/Trailtrekker>

**Application deadline: 30 April 2012**

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