**Package description for The Living Coast Youth Representatives**

Are you 16–25 year-old and passionate about nature and our environment? We are looking for 2 volunteer Youth Representatives to get diverse youth voices heard in our local UNESCO\* Biosphere, The Living Coast

Brighton & Hove City Council is the lead partner of the Living Coast partnership of over 40 organisations, encompassing conservation, education, arts and culture, businesses and local government.

From the South Downs National Park to the Marine Conservation Zone, from the Adur to the Ouse Rivers, our area is internationally recognised by UNESCO\* for its world-class environment and sustainability best practice.

**Job Introduction**

We are looking for Youth Representatives for our local Biosphere, The Living Coast, with the following missions:

* Be our Ambassador at the UK & Ireland UNESCO Biospheres Youth Network, together with likeminded Young People across the country
* Join with other local youth community groups, gathering their views and ideas, and feeding them back to The Living Coast partnership
* Connect young people with volunteering opportunities
* Raise awareness of our UNESCO Biosphere: start to build an ambassador programme, represent The Living Coast at events, etc.
* Support in planning and promoting of upcoming events

UNESCO Biospheres have Youth Representatives in other areas: discover Rachel who represents the Isle of Man: [Rachel is our new youth representative - Biosphere](https://www.biosphere.im/news/rachel-is-our-new-youth-representative)

Benefits

This voluntary position offers numerous benefits:

* **Flexibility:** Work at your own pace around any prior commitments and study or work schedules.
* **Networking:** Broaden your professional network with a direct access to local Biosphere partners and national UNESCO networks.
* **Influence:** Contribute to shaping the future of our Biosphere.
* **Skill Development:** Opportunities to develop your skills, especially in communications, community engagement and project management.
* **Supportive Environment:** Work within a friendly team ready to provide help, support, and guide you when needed.

**Additional Information**

**ELIGIBILITY**: This work experience is for full time students aged 16 - 25 , living or studying in [**the Biosphere area**](https://thelivingcoast.org.uk/map), spanning East Sussex, West Sussex and the city of Brighton & Hove.

Applicants do not have to be sustainability experts. We strongly encourage candidates from diverse backgrounds or minorities to apply.

**REGISTER** for an account on Recruitment Hub then complete all parts of the application.

**APPLY**via this link onlyfor placement to start at a date that suits you.This link to apply is not published on the council’s Job pages or elsewhere on website.

**DEADLINE**, The deadline for applications will be 15/11/2024.

**WORKING PATTERN**

This is a voluntary role; to get the most out of the role and fulfil its responsibilities will require an average of two hours per week across the year.

This work can be done remotely. However, the team encourages the candidate to join them in person for specific opportunities.

The Youth Representative will also be encouraged to attend our quarterly Biosphere Partnership meetings.

**SAFEGUARDING:**This placement complies with safeguarding procedures and is fully insured. All efforts have been made to ensure the safety of the candidate, council staff and customers. This placement complies with the NSPCC guidance on working with younger volunteers <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/working-with-young-volunteers#heading-top>

**EXPENSES:** Some expenses regarding travelling by bus may be covered in order to be able to attend specific meetings.

**ONBOARDING**: Students on placement will be expected to take part in a mandatory council induction prior to starting or during the first 4 weeks of the placement.

**INDUCTIONS:** Prior to your first day, all successful applicants will be asked to complete an introduction to the council e-learning module and attend a meeting with the Host manager. Parent/carers are welcome to attend this initial meeting, although we ask you not to bring your friend.

**ASK**the Pre-employment Coordinator for support with the application process if necessary, by emailing **pre-employment@brighton-hove.gov.uk**

**CONTACT:**All enquiries must go to the Pre-employment Coordinator

*Do not contact the BHCC Recruitment team or our Sustainability teams about this placement opportunity.*

***To comply with the councils Fair and Inclusive Action plan the link to apply for this \*unpaid work experience placement will be shared with all local education or training providers at the same time.***

***\*This is not a paid role, nor does it replace a paid position at the council.***

**Company Information**

About the Living Coast Partnership

UNESCO Biospheres are places of international best practice, promoting sustainable development in Conservation of biodiversity and cultural diversity, Economic development, Education & Research. We are part of [the World Network of UNESCO Biospheres](https://www.unesco.org/en/mab/map), which counts +750 sites, [including 7 in the UK](https://unesco.org.uk/biospheres/).

[The Living Coast](https://thelivingcoast.org.uk/) is the only UK urban Biosphere with over 330,000 residents and 12 million annual visitors, stretching between Shoreham-by-Sea and Newhaven, from the Adur River to the Ouse River, from the South Downs to the sea. We are a collaborative network promoting actions and solutions supporting sustainable living for everyone in our area.[www.thelivingcoast.org.uk](http://www.thelivingcoast.org.uk)

More information about UNESCO’s Youth programme: [Youth | UNESCO](https://www.unesco.org/en/youth)

\*UNESCO is the United Nations Education Science and Culture Organisation.

Shortlisting Questions

* Please tell us why you are interested in this opportunity and why you think you’d be a good candidate

* Can you think of an experience or initiative you have led or taken part in that could be useful for this opportunity

* Whether you were aware that our area was designated by UNESCO or not, what makes you proud of living in a UNESCO Biosphere?

* Please suggest ideas of how you could help local residents become aware that they live in a UNESCO Biosphere