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**Thank you for your interest in Wild Futures EVS Project**

Short term projects last for 2 months with dates that are **NOT** flexible.

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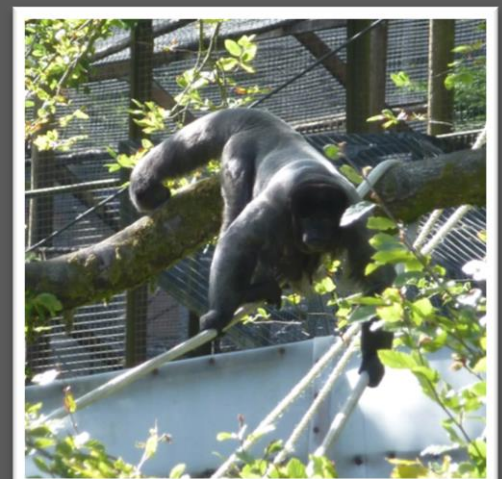
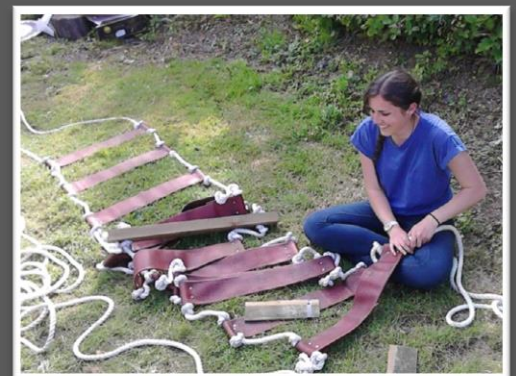
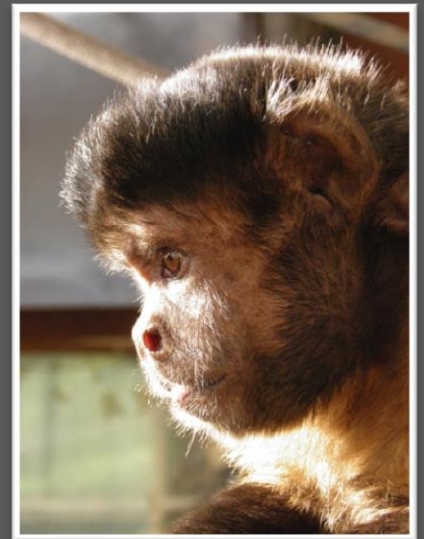
**Days:** 5 consecutive working days + two days off per week.

**Holidays:** 2 extra days per month.

**Site:** Wild Futures' Monkey Sanctuary, Looe, Cornwall.

All volunteers will be assigned a mentor and a supervisor. The supervisor will be the paid employee in the Volunteer department

Mentors will be assigned based on who we think would be the best person for you.





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## Wild Futures

Wild Futures is the only UK charity with a holistic approach combining an educational and environmental remit dedicated to promoting the welfare, conservation and survival of our closest living relatives, the non-human primates. We are working to end the primate trade and abuse of primates in captivity, promoting the rehabilitation of captive primates and the preservation of those in the wild, whilst operating a sanctuary for primates in need of a home for life.

Our safe haven for monkeys saved from mistreatment is The Monkey Sanctuary, in Cornwall, UK. We recently celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and have provided a home for life and specialist care for more than 160 monkeys over the years. We are proud to be the first and only facility in the whole of Europe to be accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), demonstrating that we provide humane and responsible care for our animals. Because most of the monkeys come into us extremely traumatized and damaged, we recognize the importance of ensuring long-term, consistent care from people they know and trust. We also rely heavily on volunteers to help us to run our sanctuary day-to-day.

As well as providing a home for life to monkeys in need, we work closely with other charitable organizations to lobby local and central government to try and bring about positive change for primates. Our campaigns work has led to much advancement, including political recognition of the trade in primates as pets, the publication of a primate code of practice as part of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and strong public support demonstrated by 45,000 petition signatures. We believe that education is vital for change and act in an advisory capacity in diverse forums, as well as educating visitors to our sanctuary and more than 3,000 school, college and university students on our work each year. We are committed to providing advice, practical support and funding to overseas projects linked with primate welfare and conservation. We have supported primate projects throughout South and Central America and Africa, many of which involve conservation initiatives with local communities and government.

When it comes to conservation though, we believe it's just as important to conserve plant and animal species closer to home as those on distant shores, so we also work to conserve UK species in danger from habitat loss, including the lesser horseshoe bat and the pearl-bordered fritillary butterfly.



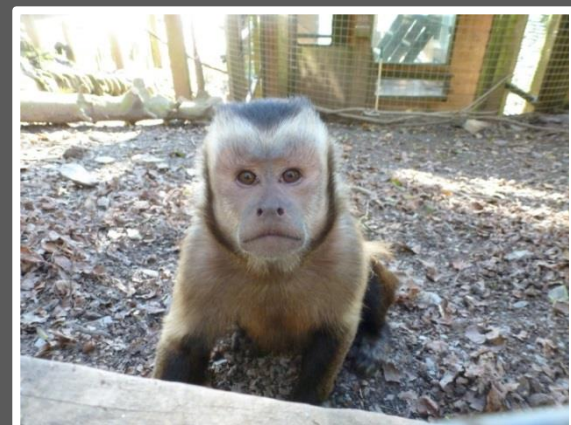
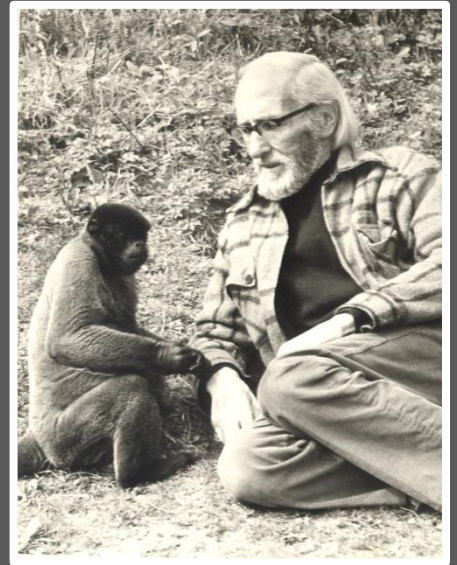


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## The Monkey Sanctuary, past and present

The Monkey Sanctuary was established in 1964 by Leonard Williams and a team of co-workers. It began as a refuge for ex-pet and ex-zoo woolly monkeys, receiving recognition as the first place where this species bred outside its own habitat in the South American rainforests. Since the beginning, the aims of the sanctuary have evolved to focus on the protection of habitats and primates in the wild, native wildlife conservation, the rescue and rehabilitation of ex-pet monkeys and campaigning to end both the illegal and legal primate pet trades. The sanctuary became a registered charity under the name 'The Monkey Sanctuary Trust' in 2004 and in 2009 the name 'Wild Futures' was chosen to reflect the wider aims of the charity. Today we are home to 6 woolly monkeys, all descended from those rescued in the Sanctuary's beginnings, 3 Barbary macaques and 28 capuchins.

The Sanctuary is open to the public during the summer months. As well as carrying out the day to day care of the monkeys, the monkey carers give talks to the public about the individual monkeys, the wider issues surrounding the primate pet trade, global wildlife conservation and sustainability. The team have their own specialist areas of work such as maintenance, campaigns, education and fundraising. The Wild Futures' team share concern for animal welfare, conservation and global environmental issues.





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The following is a basic example of the type of work carried out for one week for  
Short Term volunteer projects.

## Example Rota.

(MORNING)		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Starting time	Ending time					
7:00	7:45	Preparation of food bowls for capuchins		Preparation of food bowls for Woolly monkeys		
8:00	8:30	<b>Breakfast.</b>	<b>Breakfast.</b>	<b>Breakfast.</b>	<b>Breakfast.</b>	
8:45	11:30	Capuchin or woolly enclosure cleaning. Create enrichment items.	Capuchin or woolly enclosure cleaning. Create enrichment items.	Capuchin, woolly enclosure cleaning. Create enrichment items.	Capuchin or woolly enclosure cleaning. Create enrichment items.	Capuchin or woolly enclosure cleaning. Create enrichment items.
11:30	12:30	<b>Lunch.</b>	<b>Lunch.</b>	<b>Lunch.</b>	<b>Lunch.</b>	<b>Lunch.</b>
(AFTERNOON)						
12:30	14:00	Help maintain site- gardening, shaling, painting. Preparation of food bowl for capuchin	Help re-rope the monkey enclosures with keepers. Assist with children's workshops	Full day of monkey food for the Woolly monkeys	Help maintain house- painting, cleaning. Assist in the café.	Make more enrichment for monkeys.  Help clean the house.
14:00	14:15	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	
14:15	16:00	Continue with work site maintenance work.	Help re-rope the monkey enclosures with keepers.	Woolly monkey food bowls	Help maintain house- painting, cleaning.	Listen to talks about monkeys and the pet trade
16:00	16:30	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	
16:30	17:00	Help clean the house.	Pack equipment away for the day	Woolly monkey food bowls	Help maintain house- painting, cleaning.	Listen to talks about monkeys and the pet trade



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### Explaining the rota

The rota is a basic example of **some** of the activities which occur in each project. The rota will be planned on your arrival between you and your supervisor.

Much of the work is labour intensive and can be monotonous such as gardening, painting and cleaning. Volunteers must know their project well before applying.

All volunteers **MUST** have a good level of English to participate, with the ability to communicate well for public talks or speaking on the telephone. This is also vital due to the close proximity to dangerous animals.

Qualifications are not required, however previous experience is desirable.





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## Profile of the Volunteer.

**Basic requirements:** 18-30 years old, **EU nationality** and residency outside the U.K.

### Clear communication

Being able to speak good English is important for your own safety and that of your colleagues. As an EVS volunteer at Wild Futures you will work with potentially dangerous animals. If the volunteer does not speak English we will have problems communicating.

### Motivation

A project that lasts for 2 or 12 months needs motivated volunteers. Please consider this carefully before applying! Let us know in your application why you want to join Wild Futures and which project you would like.

### Hard working

This EVS project involves a **lot** of physical work. Up to 60% of the work will involve cleaning, be it the monkey rooms or the public areas. Unfortunately we cannot make exceptions as to the amount of cleaning, that is why you need to be passionate about the animals and the organization otherwise you will not enjoy this EVS experience.

### Affinity towards animals

Having an affinity to animals is important to understand why people work hard for the primates. Most animals show signs of trauma and need to be re-socialized with members of their own kind. We have a **'hands off policy'**, so the interaction between the caretaker and the animal should always be minimal. The fact that the animals develop towards a more natural life should be the cause of satisfaction.

### No allergies

Having allergies for animal fur is problematic as you have to be around them on a daily basis. The house you will live in is a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Victorian house so please be aware that this old house comes with some problems. Volunteers should be generally physically fit, healthy and have an enthusiasm for hard work.



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## Accommodation and Living

Volunteers staying two months will stay in one of our dorm rooms which can house up to 5 people. This room is located in the main house on site. The house is a 19th century building which serves not only as the headquarters of Wild Futures but also a living space for both keepers and volunteers. Volunteers who live in the house or in the caravans have access to the communal areas and facilities which include:

**Kitchen, bathroom, laundry room, T.V and lounge, drying room and gardens.**

Wifi is available but please be aware that because of our rural location the broadband width is limited and Wifi can therefore be slow. Volunteers are welcome to use the office computers after work hours if needed.

**Volunteers DO NOT pay for their accommodation.**

This is a **vegetarian and vegan** household and **basic food** is provided. If you choose to buy food please do not store, cook or consume any meat products within the house. Volunteers are welcome to join the communal cook nights, where a keeper, intern or long term EVS volunteer will cook for the entire household. Cook nights occur 2-3 times a week but you will only cook once every three weeks.



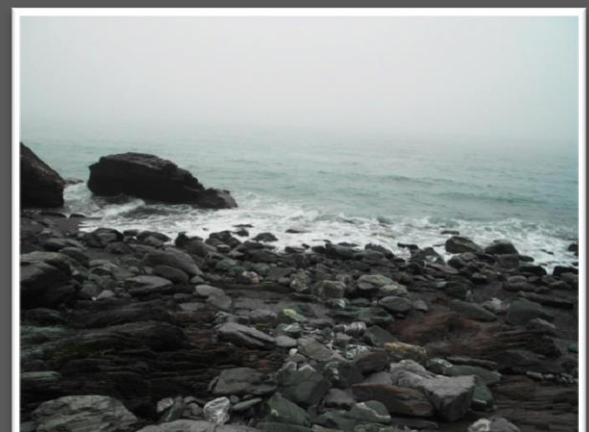
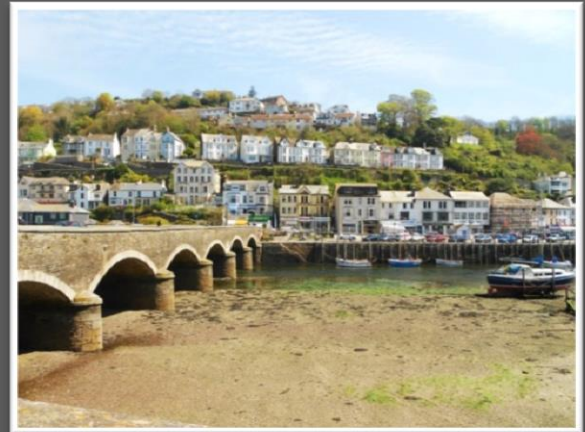


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## Free time

The surrounding countryside is picturesque. The Sanctuary is in a quiet rural area with access to the coastal path nearby. If you are prepared to walk, Looe and the nearby coastal villages of Seaton and Donderry are reachable within an hour. Looe is a tourist town and fishing port and is busy with holidaymakers in the summer. Looe offers souvenir shops, cafes, restaurants, pubs and walks along the coast or riverside. Boat trips are available to destinations such as Polperro (picturesque harbour village), Fowey, Looe Island (nature reserve) or along the Looe River. The nearest city of Plymouth which is 20 miles away, has bus and train connections from Looe. Other activities include visiting nearby Eden Project and Carnglaze Caverns. During winter, volunteers enjoy watching films and playing games by the fire.

Bikes are provided.







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If you are interested in a Wild Futures EVS project then please read the application form carefully and fill in all fields. Completed applications should be emailed with the Subject: Application for EVS Assistants ( ShortTerm) Applications sent after the deadline will not be considered. We highly recommend that you visit our website on [www.wildfutures.org](http://www.wildfutures.org) for further information before applying.

All positions are funded by Erasmus+.

If you have any further queries please feel free to email.

Best of luck with your application and we look forward to seeing you!

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