



VOLUNTEER PACK

Delivering life-changing
adaptive adventure sports

WELCOME

Thank you for giving up your time to volunteer with us! Access Adventures was founded by volunteers, and our incredible team of passionate and loyal volunteers remain at the heart of everything we do.

Our vision is a world where people with disabilities have equal access to the benefits of adventure sports.

Our mission is to deliver life-changing adaptive adventure sports.

Stories from participants illustrate what a positive impact our services can have.

We aim to:

Challenge expectations - we inspire people to break boundaries

Encourage progression - in a supportive environment

Increase confidence - we provide opportunities to empower & motivate

Promote community - we offer a welcoming space for a long-lasting impact

None of this is possible without our volunteers - we're looking forward to you joining the crew!

This pack should give you everything you need to get started.

Please contact clare@accessadventures with any questions or concerns



EDGE ADAPTIVE SPORTS CENTRE

We are very fortunate to have an accessible lakeside facility. This includes a clubhouse with changing rooms, kitchen, bar and BBQ hut. There is also an accessible dorm-style accommodation block.

The Team

Adaptive sport requires a big team! We have over 70 volunteers actively involved in delivering our programme of activities as well as helping keep the site and equipment maintained.

There are 3 full time staff members who founded the charity back in 2015. In addition, 2-3 seasonal staff members join the team for the summer.

ADAPTIVE WATERSKIING VOLUNTEER ROLES

General

You don't need waterski experience to help us run our adaptive waterski sessions! There are so many essential responsibilities that contribute to our participants having the best experience possible. Examples include helping skiers get ready (promoting independence wherever possible), assisting with equipment, food prep, site maintenance, taking photos/videos, plus general motivation & encouragement!

Jetty Management

Responsible for managing the ski list - ensuring the right equipment is ready for the next skier - and communication between the skier(s) and boat crew.

Observer

We never send skiers out without a trained observer on the boat. The observer is responsible for communication between the skier(s) & driver while out on the water to ensure safety. They may need to assist the skier from the side of the boat.

Instructors (Lead & Assistant)

Instructors select and set-up the most appropriate equipment and then provide support in the water, coaching skiers to progress towards independence as appropriate. They are responsible for on-water safety.

Driver

Have a Ski Boat Driver qualification from British Waterski & Wakeboard, plus experience driving specifically for disabled skiers & riders. Drivers have ultimate responsibility for everyone's safety while on the water.

[Link to more information on these volunteer roles](#)

COMPLIANCE

Safeguarding

Access Adventures works with children and vulnerable adults. We expect volunteers to understand and commit to the organisation's safeguarding policy and procedures.

[Link to Safeguarding Policies](#)

DBS

As part of our safeguarding process we ask all our volunteers to have an up to date enhanced DBS certificate.

[Link to DBS information](#)

Other policies

[Link to Emergency Operating Procedures](#)



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We hope that once you have attended our introduction to volunteering training day, you will feel inspired and excited to join our team and start volunteering with us!

The training day is just the beginning. There is always more to learn, which happens with time. Volunteering with us is completely flexible - there is no requirement to commit to a certain number of sessions. Any time you volunteer with us you will be making a big difference, and you will be very much appreciated. You may find that the more time you spend volunteering with us the more confident and involved you become.

We will share the dates and details of our upcoming sessions and you can let us know which you are interested in and available for.

We will invite you to join our 'Volunteer Noticeboard' on WhatsApp. This is a one-way group where we send out requests for help. Volunteers respond to us directly if they are able to offer any time.

We also arrange regular socials throughout the year which are a great opportunity to meet our other volunteers & participants and get involved with the community.

Please click on this link to sign the Volunteer Agreement.

Welcome to the Access family!