

# Volunteer Role Profile

Volunteer Role	<b>Policy committee volunteer</b>
Volunteer Manager	<b>Chair</b>
Where you will be based	<b>Community</b>

## Why we want you

Our Policy Committee is made up of volunteers with expert knowledge in a wide range of topics affecting the countryside.

The committee plays a vital role in working together with the national staff team, trustee board and local CPRE groups to create CPRE policy and make policy decisions.

If you have previous professional experience in ONE of the areas listed in 'The skills you need' section below, then we'd love to hear from you!

You'll meet like-minded people, enhance your skills and experience and gain satisfaction from making a positive impact on the countryside.

## What you will be doing

- Contributing your expert knowledge to inform the content of policy and the committee's advice on policy matters
- Acting as a 'critical friend' to improve CPRE's policies
- Considering and advising on the impact of CPRE's policies on our beneficiaries
- Undertaking occasional research with others to inform specific policy decisions and content
- Keeping up to date with innovations and developments from your area of expertise, and understanding the consequences and impact for the countryside and rural communities
- Occasionally participating in sub-committees and policy development workshops, working groups or consultation exercises as a chair, an observer or an expert participant
- Taking part in annual updates, auditing and review of policies
- Maintaining contact with relevant staff teams and other Policy Committee and board members

## The skills you need

- You'll need technical and/or professional skills gained through working or volunteering in one or more of the specialist areas listed here:
- Town and Country Planning
- Agriculture and forestry

- Economics, particularly relating to rural economies
- Business skills, particularly for rural businesses
- Local application of policies and their impact on the countryside and rural communities
- Environmental sustainability (including energy)
- Landscape and landscape designations
- Leisure, recreation and countryside access
- Rural social and community development
- Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Generalist policy-making expertise and government relations
- A broad interest or willingness to learn more about countryside policy topic areas
- An interest in environmental issues
- A flexible approach
- The commitment to devote the necessary time and effort needed for this role, of approximately half a day per month, including attending online and in person meetings

### **What's in it for you**

- Enjoy being part of a purposeful committee and making a real difference to the development of CPRE policy
- Use your enthusiasm, skills and experience to contribute to the success of our charity and make a positive difference to the countryside
- Networking opportunities with like-minded people
- We'll support you to develop in your role and provide you with the relevant training
- Get involved with social events and workshops on a local and national level, including online and face to face events and workshops
- Online volunteer induction session and the opportunity to visit CPRE offices in London or a regional centre
- We provide out-of-pocket travel expenses