

YHA Volunteering

Volunteer Photographers

About YHA

YHA is a registered UK charity with a clear mission, to inspire all, especially young people, to broaden their horizons gaining knowledge and independence through new experiences of adventure and discovery.

YHA offers affordable accommodation to families, groups and individuals exploring and holidaying in England & Wales.

Making a difference

We all know a picture says a thousand words and Volunteer Photographers are vital in showcasing the very best of YHA.

What will I be doing?

Volunteer Photographers complete assignments where they take a range of photos to inspire people to stay at our hostels or get involved in our volunteering and fundraising activities. You will be contributing to keeping our image library vibrant and up to date and your photos will be used in publicity material and on YHA's website.

Who can take part?

Professional or good amateur photographers can take part. You will need to use your own equipment and we recommend you have a good Digital SLR camera and tripod. A wide angle lens and some lighting equipment would be useful but are not essential.

Once you have completed your shoot we will ask you to digitally edit them to make sure they look their best. We will ask you share your photos with

us by tagging and uploading your images to our media management system, Third Light.

Skills, knowledge and experience.

Apart from excellent photographic skills, you should enjoy meeting people and have good communication skills.

You should have an eye for detail and the vision to find the best possible aspect for each shot. You will need to be comfortable working to an assignment brief. You will need to liaise with hostel teams and customers.

It is important that you are comfortable making your own travel arrangements and working independently.

Where can I do this volunteering role?

This volunteering role is available at many of our hostels in England and Wales. We periodically produce a list of the available assignments and you can choose which of these you would like to volunteer to do according to your availability.

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You can choose to complete a hostel assignment where you will work to a brief to conform with the requirements of our third party booking websites. In 2016 we have hostel assignments at the following hostels: [Blaxhall](#), [Boswinger](#), [Street](#), [Dufton](#), [Clun Mill](#), [Ennerdale](#), [Helmsley](#), [Honister Hause](#), [Littlehampton](#), [Snowdon Ranger](#), [Thurlby](#), [Jordans](#).

If you enjoy taking photos of people we have many events during the year that you can get involved with including YHA Day on 3 and 4 September 2016.

Time commitment

Most of the assignments will take a day including your travel time. The busiest time for shoots is between May and September when the lighting and weather are good. The number of assignments you carry out each year is completely up to you.

Safeguarding Young People

YHA is committed to safeguarding and ensuring the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all volunteers to share this commitment.

The suitability of all prospective volunteers will be assessed during the recruitment process in line with this commitment.

Who can apply?

We ask that volunteers are aged 18 or over for this role.

Help with Expenses

We can provide help with travel expenses of up to £60 per assignment. Many of our assignments are flexible around date and venue so you can choose where and when you would like to volunteer.

You can also purchase meals at hostels when you volunteer for the reduced volunteer rate of £2 per meal where available.

Overnight accommodation is not provided as standard but there may be circumstances where this is offered.

Recruitment process

We accept applications at any time. Please complete our [online application form](#) and provide samples of your photography either on DVD or via a link to a website.

Your application and images will be considered and if you are successful you will be welcomed into the team of Volunteer Photographers and sent details of the assignments available and how to arrange them.

Who has copyright for the images?

While you retain copyright, we will require license to reproduce the images free of charge and without any time limit. Unfortunately we are unable to credit individual photographers when the images are used. During assignments that involve people, model release permission will be needed from the individuals photographed and we will help you to arrange this.

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