

# Volunteer Role Profile

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**Solar Energy Contact**

Volunteer Manager

**Volunteer Coordinator**

Where you will be based

**Community**

## Why we want you

We believe there is vast potential for siting solar energy panels on the rooftops of buildings and utilising brownfield sites rather than using valuable farmland and the countryside.

As Solar Energy Contact, you'll be supporting people in your county to take action for the benefit of the countryside and communities.

You'll gather vital local knowledge and give our charity capacity to respond to deal with the pressing concerns of people living in our counties. You'll help us to build stronger links to local communities, campaigns and organisations.

You'll keep up to date with CPRE's national solar energy campaigns and actions, such as our petition calling on the government to unleash the potential of rooftop solar as part of our wider rooftop solar campaign.

## What you will be doing

- Keeping up to date with proposed and existing solar development proposals in your local area
- Signposting people enquiring about how best to influence planning proposals for the benefit of the countryside
- Building knowledge and contacts with local and national campaigns / activists
- Providing your local CPRE group with relevant information relating to local proposed development sites
- Sharing information with other volunteers and attending meetings where relevant
- Liaising with parish and district councils and other conservation bodies
- Liaising with national CPRE teams to contribute to consultations and policy development where appropriate
- Option to attend CPRE Rooftop Renewables Network Campaign Group meetings

## The skills you need

- An interest in the countryside and environmental issues
- Previous experience in the planning sector and knowledge of the planning system is desirable but not essential

- An eye for detail and an interest in investigative work
- Happy carrying out tasks independently and as part of a team
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Access to a computer and the internet at home and be comfortable using them

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

- As a supporter of solar energy as way to safeguard the countryside and valuable agricultural land, you'll gain personal satisfaction of in taking positive action towards this.
- Use your enthusiasm, skills and experience to make a positive difference to your local countryside
- Networking with like-minded people and enjoy being part of a team
- Enhance your CV by developing new skills and gaining valuable experience
- We'll support you to develop in your volunteering role and provide you with relevant training
- Online volunteer induction session with other new staff and volunteers, where you'll hear from CEO and policy / campaigns staff