



## RiverLife: Almond & Avon, INNS Volunteer Role Description



Role Title:	Electrofishing Volunteer
Responsible to:	RiverLife: Almond & Avon Volunteer and Learning PO and Trust Biologist.
Where (Location):	Various sites along Rivers Almond and Avon
Time commitment:	Variable ~ 2-10hrs a week as needed.

### Role Description

Electrofishing is the act of putting a current into the water to control the fish within a small area. This brings them to the surface where they are collected, anaesthetised, identified and counted. This practice is used throughout the Trust network to understand and report on fish population in the rivers around Scotland. Electrofishing volunteers will be trained in how to undertake and vitally assist in this activity alongside the Science Team of the Forth Rivers Trust. This training will help volunteers to understand populations of fish within the rivers.

### Main Tasks

- Volunteers will undertake training to understand the process of Electrofishing.
- Once trained volunteers can assist in the Electrofishing programme that is run on the Almond and Avon through Summer months.
- Volunteers will be able to undertake surveys of the river and can count and identify the fish that are discovered.

### Required skills, qualities and experience

- Trained in Electrofishing Team Member course.
- Willingness to get in the river to undertake surveys under the direction of the science team.

### Training and support available

- Volunteers will be supported by the science team and other members out electrofishing so that they feel they can undertake the activity to the best of their potential.
- Volunteers may also be put through Outdoor First Aid course to be fully prepared for any issues that may arise.
- Dates for the training will be discussed with Volunteer and Learning Project Officer. Dates of electrofishing activity are scheduled throughout summer.
- Specialist equipment provided. Wellies/ packed lunch/ hydration required.

### Any other Requirements

Work is during hot months and equipment may be heavy. Volunteers should be comfortable working in the river.

