Transition Cambridge Volunteering Roles

Transition Cambridge is a local community group aiming to help Cambridge make the transition to ways of life that are more resilient in the face of rising energy prices and a changing climate. We run fun practical projects around food growing, renewable energy, repairing things and more... For more info, see http://www.transitioncambridge.org

CropShare: Volunteering on the farm

Be an organic farmer for a day, and join farmers Paul & Doreen and fellow volunteers on most Saturdays during the growing season at Waterland Organics, Lode for whole or half day working parties. From sowing seeds and plants to weeding to polytunnel covering, the jobs are varied, mostly outdoor and good, green fun and exercise. Bring something for a shared lunch, which is more like a feast! Contact Helen or Axel at cambridge@cropshare.org.uk to join in.

Requirements: a love of the great outdoors!

Media Blog: Blogging about our activities

If you like writing, we’re always looking for people to write up their experiences attending events or getting involved in projects, or anything else which fits within the Transition Cambridge remit of inspiring local projects that build resilience and make our lives more sustainable in the face of climate change. To find out more, get in touch with Oscar at oscar.e.gillespie@gmail.com

Requirements: a love of writing, being able to attend occasional events

Skillshare and Repair: Repairing things and/or helping organise Repair Cafes

Our Skillshare and Repair group run regular Repair Cafes, and we’re always looking for people to help with the repairs. We aim to repair electrical items, bikes, clothes, jewellery and in fact anything that people bring – so all repairing skills welcome! We also need people to help us put on these events, from taking bookings, doing publicity, to being there on the day to help out. If you’d like to get involved, contact Kate Boursnell at kate.boursnell@gmail.com. This is a joint project with Cambridge Carbon Footprint.

Requirements: That you enjoy fixing things and/or running events

Designing posters and leaflets (and other artwork)

We run lots of events throughout the year, and we need help making eye-catching posters for them. We’d also like some help making nice leaflets for our various projects and for Transition Cambridge as a whole. And there are also various other opportunities for creativity... So please get in touch if this something you’d like to help with!

Requirements: A little artistic skill, and some inspiration!
**Growing Spaces: People to care for little patches of flowers/vegetables around the city**

The Growing Spaces project cares for small patches of land around the city that were otherwise not in use. We grow vegetables, herbs or flowers in the spaces. We need lots of people to help take care of these spaces by keeping an eye on them and doing a bit of watering and weeding when necessary. Get in touch to find out if there’s a space near you that you could help look after, or to get more involved in the project as a whole. Contact admin@growingspaces.org.

*Requirements:* No knowledge needed - just a bit of time and enthusiasm!

**Sustainability Hacking: New group convener wanted!**

If you’re into the tech side of sustainability, and the various hacks that could contribute to us all leading more sustainable lives, then this group might be for you. We’re currently looking for a couple of people to help convene the group as Toni has found herself spread a bit thinly but is still very keen, and there are plenty of people who are passionate about this but don’t have time to organise gatherings. Please get in touch with Toni if you’d like to get involved: tr@mayera.net

*Requirements:* An interest in the tech side of sustainability, group facilitation skills

**A Sharing Feast of Song and Liberated Food: General helpers needed!**

Transition Cambridge have joined forces with Cambridge FoodCycle to organise a benefit event to raise money for both our organisations. The event promises to be lots of fun, with the food made from things that would otherwise have gone to waste, and with various local choirs coming along to sing! We’re looking for people to help with setting up, serving food, washing up, moving chairs and tables etc. It will be fun, and a great way of meeting lots of people! Please get in touch with Kati for more info: kpreston21@phonecoop.coop

*Requirements:* None, just a willingness to be involved!

**Transition Stalls and Events: helping to organise and be on stalls and run events**

Throughout the year, we have stalls at various Cambridge events, such as Mill Road Winter Fair and Chesterton Festival. We also often get invited to have stalls at smaller indoor events. If you’d like to help do these stalls, you’ll be very welcome! It’s a great way of meeting people.

We are also looking for people to help with various events, such as our Café nights, which aim to cover a wide range of Transition themes with films, talks and other activities.

Please get in touch with Anna if you’d like to be involved with either of these! anna.mcivor@gmail.com

*Requirements:* That you enjoy meeting people and making things happen!

If you have other ideas for how you’d like to get involved, please get in touch! We are all volunteers, and everyone is welcome to set up projects and activities that contribute to our general aims! E-mail us at transitioncambridge@gmail.com