

# CODY DOCK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



## WELCOME ONBOARD!

Cody Dock is a historic part of East London's Docklands that is being transformed into a community hub and an oasis for wildlife



We offer a wide range all-year round for volunteering opportunities that enable local people, businesses and organisations to take part in the regeneration of Cody Dock and the Lea River



Our work would not be possible without the support of volunteers that provide crucial time, skills and passion



Tea, coffee and light refreshments are always available, you will receive a guided tour of the site, community boat and learn about the local heritage on your first visit

# GROUP VOLUNTEERING

Corporate and community partnerships are vital to our development and success. They have already played a key role in opening up the lower Lea River for leisure and learning, restoration of our community boat and development of our award winning gardens.

## Why volunteer and who benefits?

- ✦ Individuals gain new learning about Newham's rich industrial heritage and develop skills, opportunities and networks
- ✦ Cody Dock and our charity (GDP) develop relationships as well as site improvements for all to enjoy. Businesses have increased visibility and social capital in the community
- ✦ Increased staff morale, skills, motivation, commitment, performance and a fresh perspectives to bring to the workplace
- ✦ Stronger relationships with partner companies when joining forces for a joint volunteering venture
- ✦ Volunteers get to see their contribution to positive change and importantly being part of something that leaves behind an East London Legacy



## ON THE DAY

**On a typical day:** There is construction and maintenance work, environmental and conservation activities, gardening and site preparation.

**Tasks:** Are all fully risk assessed and supervised and are suitable for all levels of ability.

**Group size:** 10 to 40 people.  
Please enquire about your group requirements.

**Costs:** £40 per head, this includes materials, equipment, PPE (gloves etc), project planning, site visits, risk assessment and supervision throughout the day.

**Refreshments:** Free, unlimited tea, coffee and water. Optional home-cooked, healthy lunch (including vegetarian, vegan and gluten free) from our on-site Cody Dock Café. Bar available where everyone can relax together after day of satisfying work.

# CORPORATE OPPORTUNITIES

## ● Dock Restoration

Built in 1871 it is one of London's only remaining brick lined docks. It had its peak of activity during the industrial revolution, becoming derelict for 25 years until 2013 when Thames Water donated it to GDP. This is a chance to learn valuable masonry skills, restore historic infrastructure and be part of local legacy to help reactivate this once thriving Dock.

## ● Environmental Protection: Citizen Science and Cody Wilds

The 'natural' reed beds, river banks, dock and surrounding area itself are important for local flora and fauna. There is a data gap which includes this stretch of the river. Volunteers will help observe, monitor and record the biodiversity here as the area changes rapidly, informing national data sets while learning about protection of the natural environment.

## ● Construction Activities and Site Maintenance

There are large construction projects, such as building our visitors centre and wash-block facilities. Volunteers can help with activities such as creating new seating, shelters, and footpaths. There is also regular maintenance of our community boat, gallery space, outdoor classroom, workshops, picnic areas and site preparation for seasonal community events, as well as site clearing and logistics.

## ● Landscaping

We have plenty of opportunities to develop spaces and habitats helping to transform sites around Cody Dock and the local area by creating or improving communal greenspaces with benches, hanging baskets and signage showing what plants and animals are here. You can also get involved in planting out native trees/shrubs and creating features to promote foraging and habitat for local wildlife.

## ● Gardening

The community gardens require maintenance year round. These include permaculture, sensory, gravel, food growing, native hedge and ornamental gardens.



# FEEDBACK

*“It was my first experience of a project like this and I was wowed by the enthusiasm and knowledge imparted by staff. I enjoyed being outside doing something that will benefit the area.”*

*“Whilst monetary donations are great for these sorts of community projects, the real benefit for us was working together as a team to achieve something for our local community. We really felt that we were making a difference and we even learnt a few new skills along the way! All in all, a great opportunity to be involved in something that will be of fantastic benefit for the wider community.”*

*“Working as a team with colleagues and feeling that I was contributing to the community. It was all helped by being supported by such a friendly team at Cody Dock.”*



# SOCIAL MEDIA



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# WHO WE ARE

Gasworks Dock Partnership (GDP) is a registered charity leading the regeneration and development of Cody Dock in Canning Town in the heart of Newham, London E16, an inner city area with high deprivation undergoing rapid change.

Our mission is to enable people to come together to enjoy, learn and benefit from the tidal, lower River Lea. Cody Dock and the surrounding area has rich ecology and heritage. Our volunteering days encourage everyone to get involved in practical activities and acquire new skills as well as create opportunities and develop relationships.

During the past 8 years over 7500 volunteers have transformed this 2.5 acre riverside site from a derelict, inaccessible, rubbish-filled area into a green haven and vibrant community space open to all.

With planning permission granted, its all-hands on-deck, creating opportunities - including renovating the old dock, building a new visitor centre and maintaining our award winning gardens.

Our volunteer days offer a choice of tasks to suit different interests and abilities so everyone feels comfortable with what they are doing.

We have a programme of restoration works, landscaping, gardening and construction projects throughout the year.

# FIND US

**5 min walk from Star Lane DLR  
Bus 323 stop H or J**

Situated along the lower Lea, it is a short 5 min walk from Star Lane DLR. Leaving the station take the left hand exit. Head over the crossing and walk up Cody Road, opposite the station. By Union Roasted Coffee take the first left onto south crescent, following the road to the top. When you see the Cody Dock arch you've made it!

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