

Croagh Patrick Volunteer Ambassador Programme

Becoming a Croagh Patrick Volunteer Ambassador is a fantastic way of protecting Croagh Patrick for future generations. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and help protect what makes Croagh Patrick so special.

Whatever your interests and abilities, there is room for you to play your part. You will also find there are huge benefits to you. This is a great role for people who love nature and the outdoors, enjoy meeting new people, being out and about in the fresh air, and who want to learn new skills. You'll meet an incredible variety of people, have the chance to learn new skills, work as a team, and spend time in one of the most spectacular landscapes in the country.

Volunteer Ambassador Role Description

Croagh Patrick is one of Ireland's most iconic and most visited mountains. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help take care of Croagh Patrick and inspire others with their love of this special place!

What's involved?

- *Be an ambassador for Croagh Patrick, share your love and knowledge of the area, inspiring local people and visitors alike;*
- *Help take care of this special place;*
- *Volunteer alongside a range of people*

You can expect to start out by undergoing our Croagh Patrick Ambassador Training Programme.

After this initial training you'll have the opportunity to progress to the Leave No Trace Trainer course with the view to becoming a fully Accredited Leave No Trace Trainer. As an Accredited Leave No Trace Ireland Trainer you'll have access to the latest sector updates around responsible outdoor recreation, have the opportunity to participate in additional free training sessions for your continued development and all volunteering activities as a Croagh Patrick Ambassador will be covered by Leave No Trace Ireland's insurance. We'll also get you signed up to the volunteer calendar.

When on the mountain you'll be meeting and engaging with members of the public sharing information and answering questions, walking the route to the summit and back, and over time will have the chance to become involved with more practical conservation and monitoring activities through the work of Murrisk Development Association and training opportunities through Leave No Trace Ireland.

If your application is successful, your initial induction and training session will commence with the Croagh Patrick Ambassador Training session on Saturday 13th August 2022. This will cover topics such as;

- an introduction to the aims of the programme,
- what is Leave No Trace and how it relates to Croagh Patrick
- value of Croagh Patrick regarding its cultural and natural history, and biodiversity
- threats to the environment around Croagh Patrick and how to minimise them
- a look at the impacts on the ground

Once you're trained up you'll then be involved in setting the rota with the other trained Volunteer Ambassadors.

How much time would be involved?

The Croagh Patrick Ambassador Programme is a new programme, and we would hope that you could commit to at least 8 days in the year and ideally a couple of days a month or more, either at the weekend or during the week, particularly for peak times.

Is it for me?

Being a Volunteer Ambassador would be great for someone...

- *With enthusiasm and a love for the natural environment;*
- *With good communication skills, so that you're comfortable meeting and interacting with members of the public;*
- *Who can work as part of a team;*
- *With a good general knowledge about the local area you'd like to volunteer, and would like to learn more about Croagh Patrick;*
- *Who is able to travel to Croagh Patrick in Murrisk and cover the main mountain route;*
- *Aged 18 years old or over.*

Where and when would it take place?

Training will take place at The Tavern. We are looking for volunteers to make an ongoing, long-term, contribution to Croagh Patrick, and would therefore ask that you are able to give a minimum commitment of 8 days a year (weekdays or weekends) and during peak times.

Who will offer supervision and support?

For each day you are out you will have contact details for Leave No Trace Ireland, and regular catchups will be scheduled throughout the year with the Volunteer Ambassadors.

How do I get involved?

If you are interested in joining us please complete the application form available.

The deadline for the submission of applications is Thursday 4th August at 13:00.

Once we have received all applications we will review and then be in touch with you. You can expect to be contacted by Tuesday 8th August.

For more information – who should I contact?

You can contact us via email, phone or post at;

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