



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 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 and who want to learn new skills. You'll meet an incredible variety of people 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*

The program starts with our Croagh Patrick Ambassador Training Programme. This includes Leave No Trace Ireland Training to the point of becoming a fully Accredited Leave No Trace Trainer. As an Accredited Trainer you'll have access to the latest sector updates around responsible outdoor recreation, CPD Programs, Webinars and networking events. All volunteering activities as a Croagh Patrick Ambassador will be covered by Leave No Trace Ireland's insurance.

When on the mountain you'll be engaging with members of the public, sharing information and answering questions while walking the route to the summit and back, and over time will have training opportunities through Leave No Trace Ireland CPD Programmes, Webinars and networking events.

If your application is successful, an initial induction and training session will be required to attend. This will be 4 days long and 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
- Certified LNT Ireland Awareness and Trainer Courses

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

How much time would be involved?

The Croagh Patrick Ambassador Programme asks its volunteers to commit to 16 days in the year. This includes our 4-day training programme, and 12 days on the mountain as an Ambassador, ideally 1 day per month 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, and willingness to learn more about Croagh Patrick.*
- *Who can independently travel to Croagh Patrick in Murrisk and hike the main mountain route.*
- *Aged 18 years old or over.*

Where and when would training take place?

Training will be 4 days long and scheduled post appointment of the new ambassador team in March. It will be within the local area of Croagh Patrick.

We are looking for volunteers to give a minimum commitment of 12 days on Croagh Patrick per year, during peak times at the weekend.

Who will offer supervision and support?

For each day you are out you will have contact details for Leave No Trace Ireland, and team meetings will be arranged 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 Wednesday 31st January at 13:00.

You can expect to be contacted within 2 weeks of the application closing time.

For more information who should I contact?

You can contact us at Leave No Trace Ireland via email or phone at

Tel: + 353 (0)1 9059009

Email: info@leavenotreceireland.org



Croagh Patrick Ambassador Application Form

A: PERSONAL DETAILS

Full Name: (Mr/Mrs/Miss*) _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone (home): _____

Phone (work): _____ Mobile: _____

Employment: *Current occupation:* _____

Present or last employer's name & address: _____

Do you have any disability? _____ Yes / No*

Nature of disability _____

Are you able to provide your own transport? _____

B: BACKGROUND & AVAILABILITY

Please give details of any voluntary work you have undertaken:

Give brief details of your interests, hobbies, sporting and leisure activities:

* Please delete where necessary

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Where did you find out about the Croagh Patrick Ambassador Program?

We ask for a minimum commitment of 1 day per month. If you consider your typical month, can you commit to at least 12 days of ambassador work per year, and 4 days of training?

How long does it take you to travel to Croagh Patrick or what distance do you travel?

Time (minutes) -

Distance (km) -

Are you available to attend an interview between February 15th - 29th?

- Yes / No*

Please give the name, address and telephone number of one person who can give you a reference as to your suitability for this position (not a member of your family).

Full Name: (Mr/Mrs/Miss*):

Address:

Tel No:

C: PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES AND SKILLS

Why would you like to become a Croagh Patrick Ambassador?

What skills do you feel you can offer the Volunteer Ambassador Programme?

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As part of Heritage Week we'll be submitting a video on the Ambassador programme. By signing this form below, you agree to...

- a. give consent to have your photo taken.
- b. give consent to being in film footage.
- c. give consent to giving a short testimonial.

Signed _____

Date _____

*Please return completed forms by 13:00hrs on **31st January 2024** to:
Seamus Meagher by e-mail: seamus@leavenotraceireland.org*