

Volunteer Role Profile: Locomotive Crew



Role summary: Getting hot and steamy with our collection of 100+ year old narrow gauge steam locomotives. You will clean, maintain and operate them on our 4.5 mile railway. Full training to suit your availability and at your pace provided.

What's involved?:

- Learning about the operation of these wonderful historic locomotives
- When driving or firing, working an approximately 10 hour day from lighting the fire in the morning and prepping the locomotive for the day's service through to final clean and 'disposal' of the locomotive in the evening.
- Sharing your interest with the general public, for whom the locomotive is always the star of the visit.
- Operating within the railway's rule book, ensuring our trains are operated for your safety, other staffs' safety and the public's safety.
- Being able to deal with the various snags and challenges that a loco crew can face.

This role will suit you if you:

- Have an interest in engineering and historical mechanics.
- Are prepared to work a challenging and intensive day's work, in the glorious Welsh weather.
- Are aged 18 or over.
- Aren't afraid to get your hands dirty!
- Happy to share your enthusiasm with visitors on our friendly railway.
- Can spare a minimum of 10 days per year for the BLR.

By getting involved you could:

- Over time as you gain experience and knowledge work your way up to the highly responsible role of driver.
- Become a part of the small and friendly BLR team.
- Share your enthusiasm for our railway with visitors from all over the world.
- Have the privilege of enjoying operating historic and rare pieces of temperamental but ultimately personality filled machinery.

If you are interested in getting involved and are keen to find out more, and perhaps arrange a visit where you can get a taste of Bala Lake Railway volunteering, drop us a line at:

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Or give us a ring on:

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