What’s involved?
Scottish Natural Heritage are looking for volunteers to assist us with three areas of work on the island;
- Visitor management: meeting and providing information to our daily visitors (up to 124 per day apart from Friday – the island is closed to the public) also help run events and managing the visitor centre, toilets and path network
- Species monitoring: ringing, monitoring and population counts especially of ground nesting birds including Arctic Terns, Eiders and large Gulls
- Practical maintenance of the reserve including habitat management and basic maintenance tasks and anything else which crops up on the island!

Where?

When?
Start mid-April to mid-August 2018 but length of placement and starting date can be discussed (short-term volunteer opportunities are available)

Who with?
You will volunteer with the Isle of May NNR staff team and a number of volunteers.

What will the experience provide?
Fancy a unique island experience? This is a chance of a lifetime opportunity to live and work on this special seabird island. We’ll provide you with training, ongoing support from our NNR team, field equipment and we will be able to lend you waterproofs. We can offer accommodation (not food) and will pay for some travel including the boat to the island. Food is purchased; cooked and eaten communally.

The skills you need
You will need to be at least 18 years old. You’ll be personable, approachable, enthusiastic, a good communicator, and have excellent spoken English. You’ll need to be able to fit into a small island community and to work in a small team or on your own. You’ll have a strong interest in conservation, a good knowledge of Scotland’s natural heritage and lots of enthusiasm for the Isle of May. You’ll be physically fit and have a responsible attitude to health and safety, complying with procedures designed to keep you and others safe. You’ll be willing to work outdoors in all weathers, keen to learn and adaptable.

More information
The best source of information on the NNR is the Reserve Story [https://www.nature.scot/story-isle-may-national-nature-reserve-2nd-edition](https://www.nature.scot/story-isle-may-national-nature-reserve-2nd-edition)

There is more information about volunteering at the Isle of May National Nature Reserve at [http://www.nnr-scotland.org.uk/isle-of-may/volunteering/information/](http://www.nnr-scotland.org.uk/isle-of-may/volunteering/information/)

Background
There is lots more information about the Isle of May NNR on the NNR Scotland web site [www.nnr-scotland.org.uk](http://www.nnr-scotland.org.uk) and to get an idea of the daily goings on the island you can look at the Isle of May NNR blog: [https://isleofmaynnr.wordpress.com/](https://isleofmaynnr.wordpress.com/)

How to apply
The deadline for applications is Friday 2nd March 2018. To apply please complete an Expression of Interest form that can be found here [https://www.nature.scot/sites/default/files/2017-07/C290123%20%20Volunteer%20Expression%20Interest%20Form.pdf](https://www.nature.scot/sites/default/files/2017-07/C290123%20%20Volunteer%20Expression%20Interest%20Form.pdf) and return it, with your CV to David Steel, David.Steel@snh.gov.uk or at SNH 46 Crossgate, Cupar, Fife, KY15 5HS