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Background

The Long Preston Floodplain Project (LPFP) was first started in 2004 to enhance the important wetland habitats of the Ribble floodplain between Long Preston and Settle. The project is a genuine collaboration - with landowners and organisations coming together to create a healthy floodplain that stores carbon and helps mitigate against the effects of a changing climate as well as supporting an abundance of plant and wildlife.

YDMT is looking for an individual with enthusiasm and, ideally, an interest in farming and conservation to support our Long Preston Floodplain project. This is a varied and interesting role; you will bring your enthusiasm to learn more about this flagship project and alongside our experience Project Officer will be given the support and skills to make a real difference. The role will see you deliver a range of activities, including farmer events and training, biodiversity and landscape-based work and opportunities for regular collaborative working with other likeminded organisations.

You will also be spending time across our other project teams, learning more about woodland and meadow restoration and supporting our people engagement team.

The traineeship will start in April 2026. It will provide full-time work-based training on the [Long Preston Floodplain](#) and other general [YDMT charitable work](#). You will also gain a range of certificated skills and have access to training vital for a successful career in the environmental and conservation sector. In addition to a competitive salary, we will assist you with the costs of transport for work travel, and provide outdoor clothing and equipment.

A key element of this traineeship will be to learn from the current Project Officer, gaining relevant skills and experience needed to confidently work on this project and help drive the ambitions forward, it's a wonderful opportunity to make a difference.

You will work with predominately farmers and landowners but also other groups and organisations to explore and connect with sustainability, conservation and environmental issues relevant to these communities, enabling them to take positive action and drive forward the Long Preston Floodplain plans...this an exciting time to join!

Other work will enable you to create and enhance habitats across the Yorkshire Dales for the benefit of people, wildlife and the wider landscape.

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

Background: Long Preston Floodplain Trainee



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We are keen to support you to develop to your strengths and interests as you explore the many aspects of our work here at YDMT. Your interests in working with and supporting farmers, connecting with the natural world, conservation, biodiversity or exploring environmental issues will help you in this post.

You will be part of the YDMT projects team but will have opportunities to learn more about our wider delivery. This will provide ample opportunities for you to learn new skills and gain experience of working in a dynamic environmental charity, all supported by our staff team and a generous training package, enabling you to be well-placed to commence an exciting career in the environmental sector.