

Volunteer Role Profile	
Role Title:	Engineering Shed Support
Department:	Engineering
Departmental Overview:	The Strathspey Railway Engineering Department, based in the original 1898 Highland Railway engine shed at Aviemore, restores and maintains the Steam and Diesel Locomotives and rolling stock used on the railway. We currently have 3 full time staff, 3 part-time staff, 2 apprentices and around 30 to 40 regular volunteers.
Reports to:	Shed Foreman - Nathan Lightowler
Location:	Aviemore
Purpose of the role:	The railway could not function without locomotives and rolling stock; by doing most of work in-house means this work can be done more efficiently and economically as compared to sending to engineering contractors.
What you'll be doing:	The work we do ranges from regular maintenance work, such as cleaning, oiling and greasing, steam and diesel locomotives, carriages and wagons, all the way up to major rebuilds – some perhaps taking years from start to final completion. We have a range of tools and equipment in the workshop and a lot of experience and knowledge within the staff and volunteers.
What skills you will need for the role:	Anyone with engineering or maintenance experience is especially welcome, however, our volunteers come from all walks of life, so even if all you can manage is a paint brush, there's always something to be done. A lot of what goes on in engineering relies on team work, and you will be expected to collaborate with experienced colleagues. Problem solving skills and 'thinking outside of the box' are also useful skills to have.
What you'll get from the role:	You will have the opportunity to learn new skills, and discover how steam and diesel locomotives actually work by solving day-to-day problems and carrying out maintenance and repair work. You will also have the opportunity to learn to operate machine tools, hand tools, plant and other equipment, including our shunting locomotives for moving rolling stock around the yard and JCB telehandler.
The Training we'll provide:	Volunteers are offered the same training courses as paid staff; where appropriate, training is provided and certified by industry-recognised training organisations including the University of the Highlands and Islands. From time to time we are able to offer engineering apprenticeships. Many of our younger volunteers have gone on to become qualified engineers, and then into full time careers in engineering or railways, returning to the railway as volunteers to pass on their knowledge and experience to others .
Time commitment:	There is no minimum time commitment – some of our volunteers attend three days per week, others one or two days per month.
Other requirements:	We have no upper age limit; the minimum age is 10, and anyone under the age of 16 are required to be accompanied by a supervisory adult