

<b>Position title</b>	<b>Novel Steps Volunteer</b> (walking book group)
<b>Location</b>	Borough wide - outdoors
<b>Responsible to (Department/Library)</b>	Children and Communities Librarian/Volunteer Coordinator
<b>Role summary</b>	<p>Volunteers will lead a walk each month in different green spaces across the borough and discuss the novel of the month. Walks usually take place in local parks or by the riverside.</p> <p>The walking routes are provided by Parks and a risk assessment will be sent out to volunteers before each walk.</p> <p>The volunteer will be responsible for leading each walk and facilitating discussions about the text with attendees.</p>
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a welcoming, friendly and inclusive atmosphere at each walk.</li> <li>• Before each walk read the provided walking route and risk assessment.</li> <li>• Read relevant material (short stories, poems, novels or excerpts from novels) in advance of each session.</li> <li>• Lead the walk using the provided route, facilitating discussion on the chosen text amongst attendees.</li> </ul>
<b>Skills/abilities/knowledge required</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outgoing and emphatic personality.</li> <li>• Happy to interact with people of all ages and backgrounds.</li> <li>• Flexible attitude and prepared to undertake any reasonable task.</li> <li>• Be reliable and able to help on a regular basis.</li> <li>• Be able to lead easy to moderate walks.</li> </ul>
<b>Time requirement</b>	Weekly (day and time TBC depending on volunteer and library availability)
<b>Length of commitment</b>	Minimum 12-month commitment.

