

The Broken Spoke Bike Co-op is a social enterprise that aims to address social inequality, create a healthier environment and strengthen the culture of bicycling in Oxfordshire by teaching people from all backgrounds to become self-sufficient and proficient in bicycle maintenance and riding.



Role Description:

Bike refurbishment volunteer

Help refurbish and tune-up second-hand bikes for sale.

Main point of contact/Reports to: Lead mechanic, Workshop co-ordinator (Elle Smith)

Commitment: combined with other volunteer role minimum 6 hrs per month

Times: ad-hoc (esp. in summer, opportunities otherwise limited)

Location: Broken Spoke workshop

Main activities/tasks:

- Ensuring each bike is properly labeled and repair work documented
- Performing a maintenance check before beginning any repairs
- Performing repair and tune-up work following the co-op's bike repair process
- Ensuring each bike has received a safety check
- Ensuring each bike has received a test ride
- Recording all new or second-hand parts used in repairs
- Ensuring bikes are stored in an organised fashion
- Occasionally stripping bikes which cannot be repaired
- Occasionally preparing bikes for our earn-a-bike programme

Experience/Skills:

- Essential:
 - Advanced bike mechanics
 - Good knowledge of bikes, components and tools
 - Ability to judge viability of refurbishing a given bike
 - Ability to work in a self-directed manner
- Desirable
 - Drivers license and access to a van (for bike collections)
 - Commitment to seeing tasks through
 - Experience dealing with seized and corroded components
 - Thorough (bordering on perfectionism)

Training provision:

- Induction covering health and safety, fire safety, workshop layout and procedures

Training opportunities:

- Free access to Friday night bike mechanics skill share sessions
- Free access to the workshop during open workshop sessions
- 10% off all our courses

Additional Benefits:

- Inclusion in the Broken Spoke volunteer community
- Supporting your local bike co-op
- 10% off all stocks, parts, accessories, etc.
- Being part of the cycling revolution