

Make an impact on the coastline – Beach Clean-Up Manager (volunteer min. 2 hours a week)

(Remote, Netherlands)

Do you believe in the power of collective action to protect our beaches and oceans? Are you organized, proactive, and passionate about the environment? Surfrider Foundation Netherlands is looking for a dedicated Beach Clean-Up Manager to coordinate impactful beach clean-ups with companies and help us reduce marine litter and empower our lobbyist in Brussels to advocate EU law-improvement.

About Surfrider Foundation

Surfrider Foundation Netherlands is part of Surfrider Foundation Europe, a grassroots collective dedicated to safeguarding oceans, beaches, and surf spots across Europe. Locally, we focus on impactful campaigns that inspire collective action, and empower our European lobby:

- **Ocean Initiatives:** Organizing beach clean-ups for companies and schools
- **Ocean Friendly Restaurants:** Collaborating with restaurants to promote ocean-friendly practices
- **Water Quality Monitoring:** Monitoring water quality at popular surf spots across the country

The role

As our Beach Clean-Up Manager, you'll play a key role in ensuring our corporate beach clean-ups run smoothly and successfully. From preparation to execution, you'll be responsible for organizing approximately 8 clean-ups per season (May–September). These clean-ups typically take place on Thursday or Friday afternoons and are a combination of hands-on litter removal and education about marine pollution.

Your main tasks:

- Work with our fundraiser and team to confirm and schedule clean-ups with companies that support our mission.
- Coordinate all logistics ahead of each clean-up, including location scouting, and arranging materials.
- Ensure clean-up equipment (e.g., gloves, sacks, litter grabbers, recycling bins) is properly prepared, restocked, or sourced as required.
- Develop and lead a powerful educational introduction for participants — explaining what plastic pollution is, how it affects our oceans and wildlife, and how everyone can make a difference in their daily life.
- Make sure participants go home **feeling proud and empowered**, knowing they've helped the ocean *and* learned how to prevent more plastic from entering our environment. Be the point of contact on the day of the clean-up or arrange for a well-prepared volunteer lead if you're unavailable.
- Track and report clean-up results with our headquarters, including the types and amounts of waste collected, and share insights with the Communications team for further promotion. This data building helps our lobbyists in Brussels to influence ocean conserving lawmaking

About you

Skills and experience:

- Organized and responsible, with experience in event coordination, logistics, or project management.
- Comfortable leading and onboarding groups, with excellent communication skills in Dutch and English.
- Proactive and resourceful, able to anticipate needs and solve challenges independently.

- Passionate about environmental conservation and educating others on the issue of marine pollution.
- Based in the Netherlands not too far from the coast (max 1 hour drive)

Personal attributes:

- Reliable and adaptable team player who thrives in dynamic, hands-on roles.
- Confident leading groups, setting clear expectations, and creating a fun, engaging environment for participants.
- Motivated by a love for the ocean and a desire to protect our beaches and coastal ecosystems.

Why join us?

- Be part of a global environmental movement protecting oceans and beaches.
- Organize and lead impactful clean-ups with tangible results, empowering others to take real environmental action.
- Gain hands-on experience in event coordination, logistics, and marine conservation.
- Collaborate with a passionate team of like-minded changemakers in our core team of Surfrider Foundation Netherlands
- Help companies engage with sustainability while supporting Surfrider's mission.

Details

- Volunteer role (commitment: approximately 8 clean-ups per season, with prep. time before each event).
- Active season: May to September. Clean-ups are typically held on Thursday or Friday afternoons.
- Hybrid role: You'll work remotely to prep clean-ups and coordinate logistics, with in-person involvement on the beach for events.
- Applications will be considered as long as the vacancy remains online.

Apply today and help us clean up for a better tomorrow!

Surfrider Foundation Netherlands celebrates diversity and inclusion. We welcome anyone who shares our mission and values, regardless of background or experience.

Send your CV and a short motivation letter to netherlands@surfrider.eu

Join us in creating cleaner, healthier beaches while inspiring companies to make a difference for the planet.