

Job Description



Title:	River Educator (Variable hours contract)
Salary:	£12.13 per hour (£10.76 per hour plus 12.7% lieu of holiday)
Contract:	Permanent (6 months probationary period)
Hours:	Variable hours. Higher demand March - October
Location:	Mostly remote/home based working with regular visits to Head Office, Salisbury.
Responsible to:	Education and Engagement Officer

Background

Wessex Rivers Trust (Wessex RT) is an environmental charity, dedicated to the protection and conservation of rivers and chalk streams in the Wessex area. Wessex RT is part of the Rivers Trust movement; the umbrella organisation helping to protect and enhance most of the UK's rivers. The Trust acknowledges that education and engaging with a wide and diverse audience is essential to sustain long-term interest in our local chalk streams and empower local communities to take ownership of these precious rivers. To deliver on this ambition, the Trust offers a primary school education programme to all areas of Wessex. The Trust also attends public events and carries out "pop-up" events throughout the area.

Wessex RT is seeking to recruit Variable Hours River Educators to increase their delivery output with schools and events.

Main objective

The main purpose of the role is to increase the public understanding of the importance of chalk stream conservation and empower a wide-ranging audience to take action for rivers and their catchments.

Duties and responsibilities

1	Education
1	Deliver the Trust's primary school chalk stream education programme, throughout Wessex (including outdoor river sessions, classroom sessions, interactive assemblies and Mayfly in the Classroom sessions)
2	Deliver outdoor river education sessions across the Wessex area; specific locations to be agreed.
3	Maintain high standards of safety and welfare for learners, education volunteers, teachers, and the local community
4	Maintain and supervise river education volunteers.

2	Community Engagement
1	Attend public events to educate the public about their local river
2	Deliver pop-up events throughout Wessex to educate the public about their local river

	3	Work with other Trust Staff to deliver practical conservation tasks in communities, such as river clean-ups and invasive non-native species control.
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3	Contributing to the work of the Wessex RT	
	1	Contribute to delivering the Trust's objectives, as required.
	2	Undertake other duties that may be appropriate to the position from time to time e.g. communications.

Person specification

1	Qualifications and required knowledge		Essential	Desirable
	1	Educated to a degree level in a relevant field of environmental science / education or equivalent	X	
	2	Sound knowledge of the school's system and the National Curriculum	X	
	3	Knowledge of river ecosystems: ecology & species	X	
	4	Aware of environmental issues impacting chalk streams and rivers in general.		X
	5	An understanding of the principles of engaging with and involving children, young people and adults in nature conservation	X	

2	Experience		Essential	Desirable
	1	At least two years' experience of working in outdoor education		X
	2	Producing and/or working with a range of educational materials and media	X	
	3	Good time and budget management, including successful fundraising		X
	4	Proven record of organising and delivering events at different scales and to different audiences	X	
	5	Working with volunteers or community groups from a range of backgrounds		X
	6	Experience of working according to Safeguarding and wider Health & Safety policies / legislation	X	

3	Skills and competences		Essential	Desirable
	1	Good IT skills, including use of Office 365 & social media	X	
	2	Effective website maintenance and development, using WordPress or equivalent platform		X
	3	Able to communicate with a wide range of audiences	X	
	4	Excellent administrative and organisational skills	X	
	5	Understanding the needs of schools and teachers		X
	6	Ability to manage workload effectively and prioritise to demanding timelines	X	

4	Personal attributes		Essential	Desirable
	1	Adept at creating positive, professional relationships with a wide range of people	X	
	2	Ability to communicate with the media		X
	3	Highly resourceful and creative, with a proven ability to solve problems	X	
	4	Ambitious, self-motivated and target driven and able to work on own initiative	X	
	5	Genuine enthusiasm and passionate about educating people about chalk streams in the Wessex region	X	

Miscellaneous

The post will involve travelling throughout Wessex (East Dorset, South Wiltshire and West-Hampshire) therefore a full UK driving licence and access to own car is essential. Mileage expenses will be paid at 45p per mile as set out in HMRC's Approved Mileage Allowance Payment. Some evening and weekend work may be required. We will also require the successful applicant to undergo an enhanced DBS check and provide satisfactory references.