

# School of GeoSciences – Innovative Learning Week

## Interview Experience - Virtual Post 1

### Seasonal Ecologist (April-October), Ben Crew Nature Reserve

The Blackford Trust for Montane Conservation requires a full-time seasonal ecologist based at our HQ near Aberfeldy to work in a team undertaking survey and monitoring as part of our ongoing programme of landscape and nature conservation.

#### **Primary Job Responsibilities**

You will be joining a successful and respected team of five and reporting to the Senior Ranger. Your main responsibilities will include:

- Planning and undertaking ecological field surveys which may include vegetation, mammals and birds.
- Project management and delivery.
- Producing quality assured ecology deliverables (reports and data).
- Ensuring all activities are compliant with our Safe System of Work.

#### **Training and Experience**

Essential:

- An honours degree in ecology or related field.
- Ecology survey experience and excellent fieldwork skills.
- Eligible for membership of the IEEM (or an existing member).
- Capable of managing a challenging workload subject to change at short notice.
- Good communication and IT skills.
- Ability to write clear, concise reports.
- Adaptability to team working.

Highly Desirable:

- Current clean driving licence.

Desirable:

- Experience with GIS.
- Experience of working with volunteers.
- Ability and enthusiasm to communicate knowledge of ecology and conservation to others.

#### **What do we offer**

- Annual salary based on a scale from £21,463 depending on qualifications and experience (pro rata 7 months).
- 25 days leave per annum (pro rata 7 months), flexitime and TOIL.
- Staff support/mentoring, pension scheme.

**Interview Date:** Wednesday 19 February 2014 (am), Crew Teaching Annex, Kings Buildings.

**Application:** Applications consisting of a covering letter explaining your interest in this post and a CV should be sent by internal mail to: Dr A. McLeod (ILW-Post 1), Crew Building, Kings Buildings, West Mains Road, Edinburgh EH9 3JN.

**Closing date:** 10 February 2014