

School of GeoSciences – Innovative Learning Week

Interview Experience - Virtual Post 2

Species Officer (Red Squirrels)

The South Stirlingshire Countryside Trust requires an experienced individual with a strong professional interest in ecology and conservation to plan and implement a new 3-year project to promote the conservation of species listed in the Local Biodiversity Action Plan. Initial work will focus on the red squirrel but work on other species may also be required. The post will be based in Stirling but may require travel to other sites in southern Scotland.

Primary Job Responsibilities

Your responsibilities will include:

- Planning and coordinating a project to promote the conservation of the red squirrel.
- Work in partnership with community groups, landowners and schools to maintain local red squirrel populations.
- Raising local awareness of the plight of the red squirrel and ways to help this threatened species.
- Managing volunteers

Person Specification-Attributes

Essential:

- Educated to HND, equivalent or higher level.
- Experience of surveying and monitoring techniques
- Computer skills of a standard capable of producing sound information/management reports.
- Working knowledge of ecology and/or natural sciences
- Skills in interpretation methods
- Excellent communication and IT skills and willingness to speak publicly.
- Ability to write clear, concise reports.

Highly Desirable:

- Current clean driving licence

Desirable:

- A degree in ecology, environmental science or related field.
- Knowledge of species ecology and conservation (especially red squirrels).
- Experience of project management, dealing with contractors and specifications of work.
- Experience of working with local authorities, NGOs and community groups.
- Experience of producing leaflets, newsletters and other forms of interpretation
- Knowledge of countryside policies/issues, biological recording and habitat management
- Knowledge of appropriate methods of grey squirrel control
- Marketing skills

Further details

- Starting salary on a scale from £18,500 - £20,150.
- 24 days leave plus 8 days Public Holiday (rising to 29 days after 5 years service).
- A Flexible working arrangement operates and any time worked above the normal 36 hour week is compensated for by time off in lieu but is not encouraged.

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 2), Crew Building, Kings Buildings, West Mains Road, Edinburgh EH9 3JN.

Closing date: 10 February 2014