

JOB DESCRIPTION

Role: Freelance Environmental Educator

Reports to: DSWF Education Manager

Hours: £150 per day or £75 per half day (plus travel and subsistence)

Location: Work will mainly be in the Southeast. We are particularly keen to find someone for the Surrey, Hampshire, West Sussex area.

The Role:

Wildlife education is one of David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation's (DSWF) three Strategic pillars. DSWF and its partners fundamentally believe that the long-term solution to biodiversity loss and species extinction is in the education of future generations to better understand the issues and in turn advocate for the solutions. The freelance Environmental Educator (EE) joins a small team that support the Education Manager in the delivery of wildlife education. The DSWF Education strategy is based on four main principles:

1. We will use the best evidence currently available on how children and young people learn to provide them with the tools needed to enhance their confidence, knowledge, verbal communication, and leadership skills.
2. The programme will help children and young people understand the lived experience of local communities that co-exist with endangered animals and share their habitats.
3. Effective collaboration with DSWF funded conservation projects and other selected partners will be at the heart of the development of new education products and services. It will also include more opportunities for children to problem solve in new contexts and experience working with real conservation data.
4. Our offer will use the best of the digital and art assets from DSWF's considerable wildlife art experience and reach to engage and inspire young people.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

The main responsibility of the role is to deliver online and face to face talks and longer workshops to a variety of educational establishments, including schools, clubs and library groups. DSWF's range of age-appropriate talks and workshops have been developed by the Education team over several years and are constantly being refined and updated.

Educational Talks:

Talks are generally 30 mins long, including time for questions, depending on the age group and the requirement of the person booking the talk. At Reception age, Keys Stage 1 and Key

Stage 2, talks may be in person or online (dependent on availability and cost). They cover aspects of the primary curriculum, including habitats, food and feeding, predators, aspects of art and design and engineering design thinking.

Workshops

These are usually an hour to an hour and a half. They include more hands-on activities that complement the talks and lead to a deeper understanding of the issues of biodiversity and conservation. They include activities around clay modelling, line pencil drawing, creating creatures and problem solving. They are stand alone and can be delivered individually. They are popular sessions in libraries during the school holidays.

This role will support the Education Manager on the constant evaluation and development of talks and workshops to achieve the main principles.

The booking and allocation of talks will be managed by the Education Manager, who will require support from the EE to determine availability and agree the final details for each session.

Other Responsibilities:

- To represent DSWF professionally at all times and act as an advocate for DSWF's work
- To ensure that all aspects of the DSWF Safeguarding Policy are always followed
- To stay up to date with DSWF's mission and conservation work

Person Specification:

- At least six years' experience in school teaching either in the UK or abroad (primary preferred)
- Some experience of curriculum design and development of learning materials for primary or secondary aged children
- Personable and flexible in approach with schools, libraries and other informal settings
- An interest in wildlife and conservation (training will be given)
- The ability to teach children either from deprived backgrounds or in informal learning environments is desirable
- A DBS check will be required (can be applied for after commencement of the role)

NB - Successful freelance candidates will be expected to supply their own laptop and IT for use in sessions (DSWF will supply teaching materials), along with their own public liability insurance.

How to apply: Please email dswf@davidshepherd.org with your CV and a Covering Letter (Covering Letter to be no more than one A4 pages explaining why you are appropriate for the role). If you want to talk to someone about the role, please email Education Manager, Mark Ellis at mark.ellis@davidshepherd.org