Outdoor Education Officer at The Sustainability Centre

Person SPEC

Core Skills

- Evidence of teaching KS1/2 and 3 pupils within an educational or a centre setting
- Evidence of having kept up to date with current issues in mainstream education.
- A clear understanding of the value of learning beyond the classroom, particularly in a residential setting
- Excellent communication and organisational skills.
- Understanding of safeguarding issues, particularly within a residential education setting
- Experience of risk management in the outdoors
- An ability to work on your own initiative and effectively as part of a team
- Experience of developing teaching resources

Experience

Essential

- Experience of having worked with a wide range of children and young people (e.g. KS1, KS2, 3 and 4, Youth work)
- A good understanding of Health & Safety issues concerning working outdoors with children
- Experience of working within a small team, a cheerful can do attitude, and an aptitude for multi-tasking

Qualifications

Desirable

- A teaching qualification or similar e.g QTS, PTTLS, Bush craft Instructor, Forest School Leader
- Current First Aid certificate (First aid at work, for children or in the outdoors)

Vetting Requirements

This post is subject to an Enhanced DBS check

Working Conditions

- Delivering outdoor activities to groups of children on a frequent basis, exposed to all weather conditions
- Leading and engaging in physically active outdoor experiences
- Lifting and moving of heavy equipment
- Requirement to provide some evening and weekend duties.
SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Post

We are looking for someone to join the Education Team at our busy day and residential Study Centre to help us to cover our busiest period of the year. This is a role that combines hands-on teaching of schools and colleges with the ongoing development of learning resources for schools. The role will include creating itineraries, some admin support, documentation and the evaluation of learning. We will look to you to deliver engaging activity sessions and to bring your enthusiasm for sustainability and your understanding of safe practise to ensure ongoing support for our service. You will participate in the daily routine of kit maintenance, keeping the education grounds areas and classrooms tidy and fit for purpose and will attend regular team meetings. The post covers school holiday periods as well as term times. You will be joining an established team delivering a vibrant and well-respected programme.

We expect you to have some recent experience of working with Key Stage 1, 2 and 3 pupils in an outdoor setting and/or in the classroom. You will be stepping in to lead our programmes on a range of educational visits and you will therefore need to demonstrate an enthusiasm for the value of learning beyond the classroom. We will provide training in specific activities but we will expect you to bring experience to enable you to take on the teaching with minimum training.

The Centre

With 55 acres of woodland, grassland and pond habitats and a mosaic of enterprises on site, which operate alongside the education service, we are a busy Centre. Our Centre offers a unique environment where learning really comes to life. We are committed to providing examples of sustainable living and offering examples of eco solutions to environmental challenges. We host 3,600 pupil visits per year plus an increasing number of young people and adults who come to experience our adult learning opportunities. With an emphasis on Sustainability, Earthcare, Ecology, Habitats and Environmental Education we also teach Permaculture and encourage Green Living. We have an excellent reputation for providing bespoke and engaging residential experiences for children that enable pupils and teachers to develop their interests as well as their sense of adventure, wellbeing and skills in the care of our planet and of each other. Ideally we are looking for someone with a background in science or environmental education to balance the existing skills within the team.

Contact

If you’d like to find out more about Sustainability Centre, visit www.sustainability >
For an informal chat about this job, before you apply, please contact Janet Hammerton, Education Manager/ Head of Learning 01730 823166.