Officer 2, National Forest x 6

Grade & Salary: G5, £31,490 rising to £34,902 over three years
Post Number: 203241, 203242, 203243, 203244, 203245, 203246
Location: Flexible
Contract type: Fixed term contract for 3 years
Work pattern: 37 hours a week, Monday to Friday
Benefits: Civil Service pension, 28 days annual leave, rising to 33 days over 5 years, flexible working options, occupational health including counselling and advisory services and eye care and salary sacrifice schemes

Role Purpose
The National Forest is a long term, strategic programme for Wales led by Welsh Government. It is an umbrella programme under which various exciting initiatives, partnerships and funding mechanisms will operate at different spatial and temporal scales.

The Liaison Officer role is to support stakeholders to deliver the ambitious National Forest for Wales and its outcomes through engagement, advice and on-going support. This new role provides an important interface between policy, landowners and forestry agents, promoting, advising on, and helping to administer diverse National Forest proposals. Liaison Officers will advocate the benefits of the National Forest and proactively communicate with and advise landowners and land managers to ensure that proposals meet the requirements of the UK Forestry Standard and deliver National Forest outcomes.

Qualifications and Skills
- Knowledge and experience of forestry/woodland creation/public access/community engagement at all stages of project development from inception to delivery.
- Ability to communicate effectively with external stakeholders and the public, explaining complex issues and gaining support by influencing.
- Member of relevant professional body or visible commitment to your own CPD (or be prepared to join).
- Professional Membership of the Institute of Chartered Foresters or another relevant professional body is desirable
- Proven project management experience.
- Able to work well as part of a team and lead virtual task groups.
- Experience of managing contentious issues and community liaison and public engagement activities
- Have strong and effective self-management, organisational and interpersonal skills.
- Able to analyse complex information and situations, solve problems and make sound judgements
- Able to write clear and concise documents.

Closing date: 4 July 2022

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