

Woodland Creation Officer Job Advert

Salary - £25,000 to £35,000 dependent on experience.

Gateshead Council

Woodland cover in Gateshead extends to over 15%, significantly more than the current national average for England. As part of its response to the climate and biodiversity emergencies, Gateshead Council has committed to planting 100,000 trees by 2030 and increasing woodland cover in the borough to 17% by 2050. In addition, the Council owns approx. 900ha of existing woodland comprising ancient semi-natural, PAWS, secondary and community woodland.

The Council is seeking an enthusiastic, self-motivated and organised person to join its multi-disciplinary Built and Natural Environment Team, to co-ordinate the delivery of woodland creation on Council land.

In the role you will co-ordinate the delivery of woodland creation on Council land in and around the Gateshead area.

To effectively carry this out, you will act as a strong advocate for woodland creation within the Council and adopt a positive approach when interacting with external partners and the public to build effective relationships and team working; whilst being able to communicate clearly both verbally and in writing.

Ideally you will have (or be working towards) a degree or Higher National Diploma or other relevant qualification in a land management/countryside discipline or in project management.

Preferably you will also have woodland creation experience, with a proven track record in project delivery with a good understanding of the issues and challenges facing the forestry sector as well as knowledge of landscape scale approaches, to the protection and enhancement of natural heritage. Though not compulsory, professional membership with the Institute of Chartered Foresters or another relevant professional body is desirable.

Although the above requirements are desirable, consideration will also be given to those recently qualified in a suitable discipline looking for a chance to develop their skills and experience, or to project managers with adaptable skills, looking to broaden their work experience in the environmental sector.

A driving license with the ability to travel around the Gateshead and surrounding area is essential.

Although you will be working via Gateshead Council Built and Natural Environment Team, your employment will be via Community Forest Trust (CFT).

The role offers a competitive rate of pay, generous annual leave of 33 days and offers the opportunity to work alongside an experienced and enthusiastic team who are passionate about the future of our trees and natural environment.

If you are interested in the role, please send a CV and cover letter to hr@cf-trust.org. The deadline for this advertisement will be Sunday 23rd April.



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