

## **EDUCATION ASSISTANT**

**Location:** Wildwood Escot, EX11 1LU

**Department:** Education

**Job title:** Outdoor Instructor

**Function:** Delivering Outdoor Education Programmes

**Reporting to:** Education Manager

**Term:** Permanent, part-time

**Salary:** £8.72 per hour

**Hours of work:** 10 hours a week during term time (Wednesday and Thursdays), additional variable hours available

## **WILDWOOD**

Wildwood Trust is a unique British charity, dedicated to rewilding Britain through the restoration of wild habitats and reintroduction of extinct species. Wildwood became a Charity in 2002 and now works solely for wildlife conservation and public education. In 2015 Wildwood Trust took over the running of the animal park at Escot, near Ottery St Mary.

Our mission, through the operations of British wildlife parks, is to inform and inspire people about the wildlife that was once harboured in our wild woods and wild places and give them the inspiration, skills and ability to play an active role in its protection and restoration.

Wildwood's vision involves:

- Bringing the joy of understanding British Wildlife, and formerly native wildlife, to as many people as possible through giving the best possible experience to our visitors.
- Developing in the minds of people an understanding of wildlife, its history and its practical conservation through education and training.
- Building a commercially successful visitor centre that can be duplicated at suitable woodland sites across the UK.
- The careful husbandry of Wildwood's collection of British native, naturalised and once native wildlife.
- Rewilding Britain through pioneering conservation projects and reintroductions to produce balanced and sustainable semi-natural ecological systems.

## JOB DESCRIPTION

- Scientific research to better understand how to deliver our mission to restore wild lands and their wildlife
- Providing leadership, policy advice and practical demonstration of wildlife and environmentally friendly technologies, economic systems and lifestyles.

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR

### Position Overview

An active position requiring the role holder to join our friendly education team to run our Play Wild Toddler Sessions.

Friendly, imaginative, enthusiastic and proactive engagement with a range of stakeholders including visitors, customers, members, early year children, school children and teachers is the main responsibility of the Outdoor Education Instructor. As a well-established and highly regarded education establishment, we deliver exceptional educational experiences and programmes that meet the needs of our attending visitors, schools and groups. We aim to reconnect the general public with nature in multiple subjects and produce individual memorable experiences.

### Duties and Responsibilities:

#### Main Duties and Responsibilities:

The main duties and responsibilities for this position include:

- Organising, developing and delivering our Play Wild toddler group session
- Delivering our Play Wild sessions and outdoor education programmes
- Developing and maintaining the Play Wild Garden
- Providing exceptional customer service and communication when handling enquiries and engaging with our Play Wild audience in a professional and helpful manner

#### Other Duties and Responsibilities:

You may be asked to carry out the following additional duties and responsibilities from time to time:

- Organising, developing and delivering our outdoor education programmes for key stages 1 to 4
- Assisting with the development, cleaning and maintenance of our education facilities
- Assisting with delivering engaging activities with the general public
- Providing exceptional customer service when handling public or school enquires and engaging with all of our stakeholders in a professional and helpful manner
- Public animal talks and experiences
- Assisting with the catering for schools on our residential camps when needed