



## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

**JOB TITLE:** BELFAST HILLS GROUP FACILITATOR

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** BELFAST HILLS PARTNERSHIP SCHEME MANAGER

**LOCATION:** SOCIAL ECONOMY VILLAGE, HANNAHSTOWN, BELFAST

**MAIN TASK:** To deliver a range of walks and engagement activities primarily to young people 11-25 years old relating to the local environment. Leading adult groups, including those with special needs from time to time as the need arises.

### **KEY AIMS OF ROLE**

To successfully deliver outreach activities relating to biodiversity, landscape and climate change within the context of the five steps to wellbeing with young people from disadvantaged areas, supporting the Wild Youth Project work.

To take a range of adult groups on walks across the Belfast Hills sites while highlighting the areas rich biodiversity.

### **SPECIFIC TASKS**

1. To work with Belfast Hills Partnership's Outreach Officer to execute youth engagement programmes in line with the work plan for Wild Youth.
2. To help young people recover from the effects of Covid19 by applying the 5 steps to wellbeing principles through exploration of the natural environment.
3. To mentor young people and challenge their ideas, increase their confidence, so developing experienced, multiskilled young people who can care for their local green spaces and speak up for a more sustainable future environment.
4. To lead groups of adults, often with a wide range of needs and abilities, on nature themed walks within the Belfast Hills.
5. To record engagement numbers and gathering feedback from groups.
6. Ensure Health and Safety policies, procedures and guidelines are adhered to at all times.

7. To work with other staff and volunteers to carry out any other duties required for the effective operation of the Partnership and its projects.

### **Essential Criteria**

Successful candidates will demonstrate all of the following essential criteria:

1. At least 1 years' experience working with young people aged 11-25 yrs undertaking environmental outreach work or environmental education work (paid or voluntary).
2. A minimum of 5 GCSE passes or equivalent including English and Maths.
3. Excellent communication skills.
4. Experience of leading and/or organising events and walks.
5. A full and valid driving licence and access to suitable means of transport.
6. The ability to work evenings or weekends as required.

### **Desirable Criteria**

In addition, the following criteria will be desirable from the candidates:

1. Experience of working with adults with a range of special needs
2. Experience of working with young people from disadvantaged areas.
3. Experience of carrying out youth engagement programmes in areas such as biodiversity, landscape, climate change, health, wellbeing
4. Knowledge and interest in environmental issues relating to the Belfast hills including local wildlife.

N.B. The successful candidate will be expected to undertake an AccessNI check.

### **Terms and conditions**

**Salary:** £20,000 pro rata

**Hours:** 0 hours contract, but expect a minimum of 10.5 hours per week during term time

**Holidays:** 25 days + 12 statutory days pro rata

**Probationary Period:** 6 month

**Notice:** 1 month

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