



Life on the Edge Nature Connection Trainee

LEVEL:	SCP02
ACCOUNTABLE TO:	Life on the Edge Project Manager, South Devon National Landscape
SALARY:	£12.65/hr - £24,413 per annum pro rata
LOCATION:	Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes
CONTRACT:	0.5FTE (18.5hrs/week) on 6 months Fixed term Contract

Job Purpose

Life on the Edge (LotE) is a multi-partner project, led by South Devon National Landscape, with main partner, Buglife, along with South West Coast Path Association, National Trust and Doorstep Arts. With support from National Lottery Heritage Fund, LotE aims to restore viable populations of some of the UK's rarest insects living along the South Devon coast between Berry Head and Wembury.

Involving people in the conservation of these special species is core to the project, not least, through a programme of upskilling, empowering and training within the 'Learning with LotE' workstream.

The LotE Nature Connection Trainee will gain specialist hands-on experience with project team and project partners. They will directly assist with project delivery, working alongside the Community Officer, assisting in engaging under-served groups of both young, and older people in activities increasing their connection to nature and gaining the health and wellbeing benefits of being active outside. Trainees can expect to assist in delivering target audience activities, public events, schools programmes, volunteer activities and other interactions with the general public explaining the importance of the project target species and the promotion the project. Engaging people with the LotE target species is intrinsically linked and therefore the communities workstream is developed to complement the conservation programme.

LotE trainees must be able and willing to work outdoors, in sometimes challenging conditions, in a variety of locations along the South Devon Coast, which in some cases may be remote. Trainees will be able to learn from project staff and will have opportunities to develop their own initiatives with support.



Role Profile

During this 6-month traineeship you can expect to learn techniques and expand theoretical knowledge on the following topics and themes:



You will assist with the delivery of the following elements of the project, and receive both on the job and formal training in the skills required to do this:

- Participate and aid delivery of public, target group, schools and volunteer activity programmes
- Promote community engagement through LotE project themes.
- Engage with wider LotE project activity, working across all workstreams, as well as with partners, community groups and landowners.
- Work under the direction of the Community Officer, LotE project staff and other South Devon National Landscape staff to assist in the delivery of the project.
- Understand and follow South Devon National Landscape & South Hams District Council internal procedures including Health and Safety, information management systems, site protocols etc.
- Work closely and constructively with your manager and project colleagues in all areas of your responsibility.
- Undertake other duties as the Senior Management Team may require from time to time.

Person Specification

Qualifications

Essential	Desirable
A specific qualification is not required but applicants should have a desire to pursue a career in the environment or community engagement sectors.	
Full, current UK driving licence.	

Knowledge / Experience

Essential	Desirable
Basic knowledge of environmental issues and/or nature conservation.	Knowledge of British invertebrates and wildflowers.
Experience of being involved in your community.	
An appreciation of the breadth of the voluntary and community sectors.	
Interest in engaging communities to make landscape or environmental change.	



Skills / Abilities

Essential	Desirable
Ability to build effective working relationships.	Ability to work with teams across the project, organisation and partnerships.
Good interpersonal skills – approachable, professional and courteous.	Ability to work with a range of people adapting actions to meet their needs.
A keen interest in artistic and/or creative expression.	Practical arts and craft skills.
Aptitude for learning and personal development.	
Good attention to detail and organisational skills.	

General / Other

Essential	Desirable
Not previously had paid work in this field.	Ability to self-motivate.
Ability to attain agreed standard of high-quality work.	
Ability to manage workload and competing priorities effectively.	
Ability to work independently as well as part of a team.	

General

The list above is not exhaustive; this role profile sets out the duties of the post at the time it was drawn up. Such details may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the duties or the level of responsibility involved.

Safeguarding Children & Adults at Risk

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Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

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Staff Code of Conduct

The public, our communities, customers, and colleagues are entitled to expect the highest standards of conduct from all people working for the Councils. The Code of Conduct sets out the general standards of conduct expected of everyone working for the Councils.

Climate Change

Contribute to the Council's corporate objectives in relation to climate change by considering the environmental impact of individual and collective actions, working to reduce resource and energy use, minimise waste, and anticipate and enhance the efficiency of services in response to a changing climate, wherever possible, to help the council reduce its own carbon footprint and that of the district.