

Ayrshire Rivers Trust assistant biologists/ field workers job Description

To fulfil anticipated workloads in 2015, ART are seeking to recruit 2 seasonal members of staff to assist with field work and other aspects of our remit.

Candidates should be educated to a minimum of degree level in an environmental or science based discipline. Candidates must be computer literate and familiar with MS Office. GIS experience and a NPTC PA6AW qualification would be advantageous. A Full UK or European Driving licence is essential.

Both posts will be temporary contracts and hours cannot be guaranteed but successful candidates should expect to work a minimum of 37.5 hours per week (5 days per week) throughout most of the field work season (July – October). Interview and start dates may be staged depending on ART's requirements. Applications should only be submitted in writing with an accompanying CV.

Salary: £16000 - £18500 pro rata depending on experience.

Holidays: 31 days annual leave pro rata

Further information

Fieldwork training will be provided

Seasonal staff are recruited to assist with both office and field work

Due to the nature of ART's work, enthusiasm and a willingness to work outdoors (in all weathers) is essential. Candidates should ideally be confident in and around water and although full personal protective equipment will be provided, candidates should be strong swimmers.

Interviews will be held in Ayr during March.

Key activities that will be expected of staff include:

- To assist with electrofishing surveys
- To assist with surveys of fish populations, fish habitat, barriers to fish migration, invasive non-native plant species, water vole populations and freshwater pearl mussel populations
- Data entry
- To produce reports from survey results
- To deliver presentations on behalf of the Trust
- To assist with invasive weeds control and surveys if required
- To assist with habitat improvements
- To work with volunteers ensuring their health and safety and wellbeing is paramount.
- To assist with fundraising, including the development and preparation of grant applications and reports
- To maintain ART's website including submitting web blogs etc.
- To assist with any other business activities that the Trust Manager sees necessary

ART has an equal opportunities policy.