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CANDIDATE BRIEF

Nature Rich Miterdale Project Officer, Faculty of Environment



Salary: Grade 6 (£33,951 – £39,906 p.a. depending on experience)

Reporting to: Dominick Spracklen

Reference: ENVEE1832

Available on a fixed term basis until 28 February 2026 (to complete specific time limited work)

Location: Miterdale, Cumbria (with scope for hybrid working)

We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements

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Overview of the Role

Are you passionate about nature conservation? Do you want to help deliver an ambitious landscape-scale nature restoration project in the Lake District?

The Nature Rich Miterdale project will help restore wildlife rich habitats to a large valley in southwest Cumbria in the Lake District National Park. The project is a partnership between the [School of Earth and Environment](#), National Trust and Forestry England.

You will manage a team of staff, contractors and volunteers to deliver the Nature Rich Miterdale Project. You will develop and deliver a programme of practical ecological restoration. Working alongside our project partners you will commission and manage specialist contractors to deliver restoration activities. You will be responsible for developing and delivering a programme of practical volunteer activities. You will assist with a wide range of project monitoring and communicate project outputs to a range of stakeholders. You will have experience of practical conservation and ecological restoration projects and of managing staff and volunteers in remote and sometimes challenging conditions.

This is a full time position, based in Miterdale in Cumbria. You will work closely with the Restoring Hardknott Forest and Upper Duddon Landscape Recovery teams.

This project is funded by the Government's Species Survival Fund and the Garfield Weston Foundation. The Species Survival Fund was developed by Defra and its Arm's-Length Bodies and delivered by The National Lottery Heritage Fund in partnership with Natural England and the Environment Agency.



Main duties and responsibilities

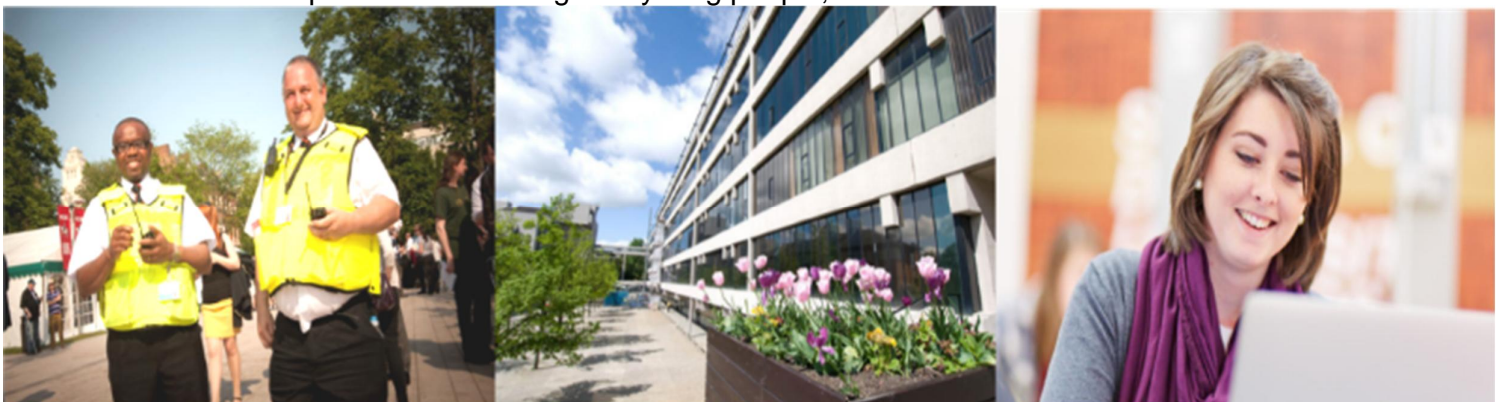
- Managing a small team of project staff;
- Commissioning and managing specialist contractors;
- Maintaining effective relationships with project partners and external stakeholders;
- Delivering practical conservation activities and facilitating ecological restoration;
- Coordinating and delivering a programme of volunteer events with a range of volunteers;
- Assisting with monitoring activities including mapping and geospatial analysis using appropriate GIS software;
- Maintaining up-to-date knowledge and experience of practical ecological restoration;
- Presenting in-person and virtually to a range of stakeholders and partners;
- Taking responsibility for the safety and well-being of staff and volunteers in a remote outdoor location;
- Maintaining your own continuing professional development including attending training events and visits to similar projects.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

Qualifications and skills

Essential

- Knowledge and enthusiasm for ecological restoration and nature conservation in the UK uplands;
- Experience of successfully working in partnership with a range of stakeholders including farmers and community groups;
- Experience of delivering practical conservation activities, particularly in the UK uplands;
- Experience of managing volunteers in the outdoors;
- Experience of safely working outdoors in challenging terrain and weather conditions of the UK uplands;
- Experience of working with young people;



- The ability to work on own initiative to organise, prioritise and plan work independently and effectively to meet tight deadlines;
- A full UK driving licence and access to a vehicle insured for business purposes.

Desirable

- NPTC chainsaw level 2 (or equivalent);
- An Outdoor First Aid qualification;
- Experience in carrying out a range of monitoring and data collection;
- Experience communicating project outcomes to a wide variety of audiences;
- Experience with use of GPS and GIS mapping systems.

How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our [How to Apply](#) information page. Applications should be submitted by **23.59** (UK time) on the advertised closing date.

Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

[Dominick Spracklen](#), Professor

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Additional information

Please note: If you are not a British or Irish citizen, from 1 January 2021 you will require permission to work in the UK. This will normally be in the form of a visa but, if you are an EEA/Swiss citizen and resident in the UK before 31 December 2020, this may be your passport or status under the EU Settlement Scheme.

Please note that due to Home Office visa requirements, this role may only be suitable for first-time Skilled Worker visa applicants if they are eligible for salary concessions. For more information please visit: www.gov.uk/skilled-worker-visa



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Working at Leeds

We are a campus-based community and regular interaction on campus is an expectation of all roles in line with academic and service needs and the requirements of the role. We are also open to discussing flexible working arrangements. To find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area visit our [Working at Leeds](#) information page.

Our University

As an international research-intensive university, we welcome students and staff from all walks of life and from across the world. We foster an inclusive environment where all can flourish and prosper, and we are proud of our strong commitment to student education. Within the Faculty of Environment we are dedicated to diversifying our community and we welcome the unique contributions that individuals can bring, and particularly encourage applications from, but not limited to Black, Asian, people who belong to a minority ethnic community; people who identify as LGBT+; and disabled people.

The Faculty of Environment has received a prestigious Athena SWAN silver award from [Advance HE](#), the national body that promotes equality in the higher education sector. This award represents the combined efforts of all schools in the Faculty and shows the positive actions we have taken to ensure that our policies, processes and ethos all promote an equal and inclusive environment for work and study.

Information for disabled candidates

Information for disabled candidates, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our [Accessibility](#) information page or by getting in touch with us at hr@leeds.ac.uk



Criminal record information

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

A criminal record check is not required for this position. However, all applicants will be required to declare if they have any 'unspent' criminal offences, including those pending.

Any offer of appointment will be in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our [Criminal Records](#) information page.

