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CANDIDATE BRIEF

Upper Duddon Landscape Recovery Project Assistant, School of Earth and Environment, Faculty of Environment



Salary: Grade 5 (£29,588– £33,002 p.a. depending on experience)

Reporting to: Dominick Spracklen

Reference: ENVEE1851

Location: Please note this post is based in Duddon Valley, Cumbria

Fixed Term for 24 months to complete specific time limited work.

1FTE, 35 Hours per week

We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements.

Upper Duddon Landscape Recovery Project Assistant

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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 Upper Duddon Landscape Recovery project is an ambitious, multi-partner project restoring habitats and nature to the Upper Duddon valley in the Lake District National Park. The project which is funded through Defra's Landscape Recovery scheme, brings together farmers, the local community and environmental organisations to deliver large-scale restoration of habitats across a farmed and forested upland landscape in Cumbria. The project include the National Trust, Forestry England, South Cumbria Rivers Trust, the University of Cumbria and Natural England.

You will work alongside a team of staff, contractors and volunteers to help deliver the Upper Duddon Landscape Recovery Project. You will help 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 contribute to the delivery of a vibrant volunteer programme. 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 working with volunteers in remote and sometimes challenging conditions.

What does the role entail?

Your main duties will include:

- Contributing to the delivery of practical conservation activities including removal of invasive species, tree planting, fencing and dry stone walling;
- Assisting with commissioning and managing of specialist contractors;
- Helping to deliver a programme of volunteer events including leading volunteer events;



- Helping to maintain effective relationships with project partners and external stakeholders;
- Provide support and assistance to the Project Manager, including record keeping, logistics, capital works administration and communications;
- Assist the Monitoring Officer 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;
- Contributing to 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.

What will you bring to the role?

You will have:

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

You may also have:

- NPTC chainsaw level 2 (or equivalent);
- Experience in carrying out a range of monitoring and data collection.
- 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:

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Additional information

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Find out more about [equality](#) in the Faculty.

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 and ethnically diverse people; people who identify as LGBT+; and people with disabilities. Candidates will always be selected based on merit and ability.



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.

Working at Leeds

We are a campus based community and regular interaction with 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.

Candidates with disabilities

Information for disabled candidates, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found under the 'Accessibility' heading on our [How to Apply](#) information page or by getting in touch by [emailing HR via hr@leeds.ac.uk](mailto: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.

