NEVIS LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

JOB DESCRIPTION

TRAINEE VOLUNTEER RANGER

LOCATION: An Drochaid, Claggan, Fort William, PH33 6PH
ALLOWANCE: Accommodation and Subsistence Allowance of £100 per week
STATUS: 12-week programme starting 19th June 2017, Full Time
RESPONSIBLE TO: Nevis Landscape Partnership Programme Manager
REPORTS TO: Nevis Landscape Partnership Volunteer Co-ordinator
CLOSING DATE: 27th April 2017, 5pm
INTERVIEWS: 10th & 11th May 2017, Nevis Partnership Office, Fort William

NEVIS LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP (NLP)
The Nevis Partnership, a company limited by guarantee with charitable status, was formed in 2002 with the express aim of managing the Nevis Area in partnership with local communities, communities of interest, landowners, businesses, public bodies and other interested parties. It does this through implementation of the actions contained within the Nevis Strategy, an overarching document which guides the work of the Partnership. The strategic vision is to enhance the cultural, natural and socio-economic value of one of Scotland’s most iconic natural assets. The Partnership has a Board of Directors which provides overview and direction to its work, a Finance Committee and an Executive Committee which implements programmes of work and reports on progress to the Board.

The Nevis Partnership will implement the Nevis Landscape Partnership Programme (NLPP) through a Programme Delivery Committee. The Programme, valued at around £4m over a 5 year period, for which the main supporter is the Heritage Lottery Fund, will deliver a range of projects comprising conservation, community participation, learning, access and training. The aim of the Programme is to celebrate, disseminate and manage the unique heritage of the Nevis Area and to assess, monitor and take appropriate action to conserve the environmental and historic heritage for present and future generations to enjoy. Further information can be found at www.nevislandscape.co.uk

MAIN PURPOSE OF POST
Nevis Landscape Partnership (NLP) are looking to take on 4 x Trainee Volunteer Rangers for a 12-week training programme. This opportunity will allow motivated individuals seeking experience
of the hands-on practice of conservation work and mountain tourism dynamics in a specific context. Key skills will be gained to build towards a career in this field.

Programme will consist of specific core training such as first aid and mountain awareness as well as habitat and monitoring training and relevant environmental based workshops. Work experience will be gained in supporting NLP with their various projects along with the opportunity to network with and potentially support our partners such as Forestry Commission Scotland, John Muir Trust, SNH and Highland Council Countryside Rangers.

Key skills will be gained in areas such as footpath maintenance and repair, environmental habitat and species monitoring, habitat management, survey methodologies, erosion control and wildlife box manufacture and siting. Experience will also be gained working with the public in raising awareness of the area in a sustainable manner and working on community engagement events.

Rangers must be willing to work as part of a team, with a variety of people & able to use own initiative. Due to the mountain environment a reasonable level of fitness is required as work will be physically demanding at times in inclement weather. They must demonstrate a desire to learn new skills & show a personal commitment to complete the training programme. Overall we are looking for dedicated individuals who are keen to support NLPs aim to encourage public engagement with the natural and cultural environment of both Ben and Glen Nevis in a sustainable manner.

WORKING PATTERNS
Full time 12-week programme from 19th June to 8th September 2017, (based on 35 hours a week). The position will require flexibility as weekend and evening work will be required.

PERSON SPECIFICATION
- Good interpersonal and communication skills, showing a willingness to work with a wide range of people
- Willingness/experience of working as a team however showing initiative to work independently and input ideas to the projects
- Knowledge and experience of mountain environments is useful however associated training and experience will be provided. Reasonable level of fitness required and willingness to work in mountain/outdoor environments in inclement weather.
- An interest and commitment to the conservation of wild places and wildlife and interest in community engagement
- Ability to work flexible hours such as weekends and evenings as required.
- Understanding of IT skills including Word, Excel, e mail, internet, PowerPoint, image handling useful
- Dedicated and hard-working individuals who believe in the ethos of Nevis Landscape Partnership
- Commitment to the completion of the programme
- Driving Licence preferred but not essential.