

Project officer: 'Reclaiming the Riverside'

Project background

'Reclaiming the Riverside' is a project funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund project through the Green Recovery Challenge Fund. The project aims to restore the green corridor along the River Crane at Cranford, West London, revitalising 3km of riverside and adjoining habitat, putting the diverse local community at the heart of delivery. The project will be led by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV), and other project partners include Let's Go Outside and Learn CIC, the Crane Valley Partnership (CVP), the London Borough of Hounslow, and the Cranford Action Group, the Friends of the River Crane Environment and London Wildlife Trust.

Wider Project aims

The Lower Crane at Cranford, Hounslow, immediately east of Heathrow Airport, is badly affected by habitat degradation, fly tipping and invasive species, with one section closed off and abandoned. This land will be restored to expand the urban wildlife corridor and connect higher quality patches of priority habitat along the riverside, including nature reserves downstream. The wider project aims to:

- Conserve and restore the natural environment including meadow, wetland and grassland priority habitat.
- Connect local people with nature through practical volunteering, citizen science and other nature-based activities,
- Reopen a key section of the river path.

Let's Go Outside and Learn CIC

Let's Go Outside and Learn CIC aim to connect local communities living in urban and built-up environments to their natural environment and green spaces. We work with people of all ages to achieve multiple outcomes including improved health and wellbeing, stronger communities and increased environmental awareness. Projects target underrepresented groups and people at risk of isolation and work in partnership with other organisations to enrich the work that we do.

This role seeks to connect local people in Cranford to the project through a series of nature-based activities and events over a period of 18 months.

Please contact us for more information about the role or an informal chat:

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To apply for the role: Please use the application form on our website www.lgoal.org/xxxxxx

Closing date: 31/8/2021

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Freelance role title:	Project officer: 'Reclaiming the Riverside'
LGOAL project lead:	Frances Bennett, Director
Type of Contract:	Freelance
Length of Contract:	To grant end March 2023
Location:	Mixture of homeworking and site work based in Cranford, Hounslow. It will be necessary to spend time working on site for meetings and to support project delivery
Number of hours / week	To a maximum of 14 hours/week
Freelance rate:	£ 30 /hour
Additional costs paid as agreed with directors:	Travel Training

Roles & responsibilities

1. Partnership working

The project's scope and direction of this project has been strongly influenced and shaped by our partners, working in partnership with all partners and stakeholders is key to the success of the project delivery. Activities associated with the role will include:

- Coordinating with teams across the organisation and partnership on project delivery
- Identifying, contacting and liaising with other partners and stakeholders to ensure full involvement in the project. Keeping records of stakeholder engagement to develop a stakeholder database.
- Attending project partnership meetings as required (including the Waye Avenue Stakeholders meetings) and reporting on project progress

2. Project delivery

To develop community engagement activities and lead outreach that explores the environment and wildlife in an urban environment along the River Crane Corridor in Cranford, Hounslow. Activities will include:

- Working with directors and project partners to plan and deliver an engagement strategy, including setting targets and deadlines, identifying, and managing obstacles

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To work with project partners to bring people together to connect local people with nature through nature-based activities 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support project management and delivery in liaison with stakeholders and project participants including keeping track of and notifying team leaders of any risks to project delivery, developing a model for feedback and evaluation 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To work with project partners and stakeholders to recruit to the project delivery from targeted groups and the local community 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prepare and deliver events and workshops that will connect local people with nature including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stroll and chat targeted at older people Family activities Activities with young people to develop a social action campaign Sessions with schools and colleges Recruitment of volunteer “Nature Buddies” from the local community to support project delivery 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the safety and safeguarding of project participants and volunteers 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinating the compilation of reports and other outputs such as social media as required 	
3. Person Specification	
3.1 Education & qualifications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum educational requirements of 3 A levels or equivalent e.g. BTEC or NVQ level 3 	Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualification or solid background experience in teaching, social sciences, biodiversity, ecology, or green infrastructure 	Advantageous
3.2 Specialist knowledge, skills & experience	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrable and significant experience and expertise in community engagement and outreach work for community-based projects Proven experience in developing and managing community events and workshops for diverse communities. An understanding of diverse communities and the barriers that they face in engaging with natural environment A passion for and knowledge of the natural environment and wildlife and an ability to communicate that passion to others. Organised and meticulous with excellent attention to detail and commitment to high quality project delivery Comfortable working in a dynamic environment and across multiple project areas with multiple partners Experience producing written outputs for a variety of audiences. Ability and experience of managing multiple project activities with overlapping timelines and competing priorities Comfortable working outdoors in all weathers as well as in an office environment Self-starter with good initiative. Able to work alone and as part of a team for common goals. 	Required

3.3 Interpersonal & communication skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong interpersonal skills are vital – we are looking for a team-player with an ability to communicate across the team, to partners and beyond. • Proven ability to develop effective networks of local service providers • Proven ability to build strong relationships within diverse communities. • Excellent verbal communication skills • Excellent written and presentation skills in English 	Required
3.4 Additional skills and experience	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of community engagement in environmental sector • A background in biodiversity and/or conservation • Experience of working with volunteers • Knowledge of current school curriculum 	Advantageous skills and experience
4 Additional requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All applicants are legally required to demonstrate the right to work/permission to work in the UK. • As we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of those who work with and for the organisation, volunteers and all project participants the role is subject to DBS checks. 	
5 Terms and Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a freelance role initially for a period of 3 months. • This role is subject to an organisational contract • The role is subject to 4 weeks' notice on either side <p>Working patterns and hours are flexible but require the agreement of directors.</p>	