

WILDLIFE EDUCATION OFFICER

Location: WRI, Tower Road, Mornington, Co. Meath A92 F2NF

Apply: Send CV and covering letter to enquiries@wri.ie **Role**: Voluntary with working hours defined by events.

Teaching wildlife education is a valuable and rewarding field. It's important to inspire people to appreciate and conserve the natural world. If you have expertise in this area, you can use your knowledge to educate others about wildlife, ecosystems, and conservation efforts.

Job Summary:

The Education Officer will assist with everything related to the various education programs both in person and through social media and webinars.

Applicants must be organised, personable, self-motivated and resourceful. Great networking and public speaking skills are a must. Volunteers will be expected to maintain a high level of professionalism and diplomacy whenever they are representing Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland. Experience facilitating events and lessons for groups is desirable but not necessary. Finally, applicants must possess the ability to adapt to an ever-changing work environment, and be available to work some weekends and holidays.

Key attributes:

Knowledge of Wildlife: As a wildlife educator, you should have an understanding of different animal species, their habitats, behaviour, and ecological roles. Stay updated with the latest research and conservation practices to provide accurate and reliable information.

Effective Communication: Being able to communicate complex concepts in an accessible manner is crucial for teaching wildlife education. Develop strong verbal and written communication skills to engage diverse audiences, such as students, the general public, or other professionals.

Conservation Awareness: Teach the importance of conservation and the impact of human activities on wildlife and their habitats. Encourage students to develop a sense of responsibility and inspire them to take action to protect the environment.

Collaboration and Networking: Connect with other wildlife educators, researchers, and conservation organisations to exchange ideas, collaborate on projects, and stay informed about new developments. Networking can also help you access additional resources and opportunities.

Interactive Teaching Methods: Incorporate hands-on activities, field trips, and visual aids to enhance the learning experience. Use multimedia resources, such as videos, photographs, or interactive software, to make the subject matter more engaging and relatable.

Applicants must be **fluent in English** and Irish is desirable but not necessary.

*Garda vetting will be carried out for this role