

# Wildlife Education Officer

**WRI is a charity devoted to wildlife rehabilitation, conservation and education. Since our interim wildlife hospital opened in February we have been working on an Education program that fosters an interest in wildlife among the wider community, particularly the younger generation. We have set up an Education tent within the hospital to allow members of the public to visit and hear about what we're doing here, and it is for this that we are recruiting a volunteer Education Team.**

**Written and Verbal Communication Skills:** Most of an Education Officer's day is spent communicating. They mostly rely on their verbal communication skills to clearly articulate what we do at the wildlife hospital and the importance of native Irish wildlife. Must be fluent in English, and some Irish would be desirable, though not necessary. Be confident public speakers and enjoy dealing with the public. The Education Officer will rely on their written communication skills when required to write emails, educational content, resource materials for teachers, social media content etc.

**Knowledge of Native Irish Wildlife:** The Education Officer will need to possess at least a basic knowledge of native Irish wildlife, its protection and the challenges it faces. Must have an interest in conversation and biodiversity and be willing to learn.

**Interpersonal Skills:** Interpersonal skills include things like compassion, positivity and patience. All three of these skills are used regularly by Education Officers. They call upon their Interpersonal Skills to build a rapport with audiences, schools and other community groups.

**Organisational Skills:** Education Officers have to be highly organised with scheduling talks, school and community visits and all other aspects of dealing with the public and media on our education programme. It also involves keeping a look out for, and contacting, potential future candidates for the education team.

**Active Listening Skills:** Education Officers have to be great listeners as it is a key skill for building relationships with an audience, the community and beyond.

**Creativity:** Preparing activities for visitors, schools and other groups with the ability to adapt to the audience on the day. Designing material to support the educational talks including flyers, posters, booklets etc.

## To Apply:

Please visit <http://wri.ie/volunteer/> to fill in a [VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM](#).

Please complete your application. *For further enquiries please contact* [education@wri.ie](mailto:education@wri.ie)

