



JOB DESCRIPTION FREELANCE TEACHERS

1 MERTON & WANDSWORTH
1 SUTTON & CROYDON

- REPORTS TO:** David Gill, Education Officer
- RESPONSIBLE FOR:** School children, young adults and teachers
- LOCATION:** River Wandle, south London. Two positions: one freelance teacher focussing on schools in London Borough of Merton and Wandsworth, the other on schools in London Boroughs of Croydon and Sutton.
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The Wandle Trust is part of the South East Rivers Trust (SERT) and as such, is an environmental charity dedicated to maintaining and restoring the health of rivers and their catchments across the South East of England. SERT is a member of the Rivers Trust and is part of the rivers trust movement, which is described as having “wet feet” because it concentrates on practical improvement, underpinned by good science and best practice, throughout river catchments. Engaging and involving local communities is seen as particularly important, with education playing a key role in promoting an understanding of the value of a healthy river.

The Wandle Trust is looking to recruit two freelance teachers to help deliver the exciting River Education programme called ‘**Project Kingfisher**’, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund as part of the **Living Wandle Landscape Partnership Scheme** (LWLPS), a programme which involves the local community in the understanding, restoration and enhancement of the River Wandle landscape.

Project Kingfisher is designed to raise awareness about the River Wandle by engaging children and young people with the river and incorporating it into their lessons. As part of Project Kingfisher, the Trust offer whole school assemblies and/or class presentations. However schools can become further involved by signing up to Creatures in the Classroom or Window on the Wandle. **Creatures in the Classroom** invites schools to look after creatures that live in the Wandle, learning about their biology and role in the ecosystem. Last year this included plants, shrimps, tadpoles and sticklebacks. **Window on the Wandle** brings schools to the Wandle to experience the river first hand where they complete activities and games associated with the river.

Last year Project Kingfisher engaged nearly 4000 students, visiting 23 schools in the Wandle catchment. The Trust hope to exceed this in the next academic year and the freelance teachers will play a large role in this, enabling delivery of the project to more schools. More information on Project Kingfisher can be found on our website: www.wandletrust.org/education

Please note this is a **freelance position** and hours will vary in frequency based on the demand of local schools and therefore flexible working is required.

Full training on the delivery of Project Kingfisher is given to staff prior to leading the activities. The induction will include training in health & safety and child protection, plus on-site training on the field study sessions. Training will involve two observation sessions, followed by a team teaching session; all paid at the hourly rate.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Please keep this person specification in mind when completing your application. Knowledge, experience, skills and aptitudes will be assessed through the application process and at interview.

1. WORK EXPERIENCE	Essential	Desirable
At least one year's experience of leading outdoor activities and teaching children	✓	
Relevant teaching experience in outdoor education	✓	
Confident with the use of MS Office, particularly PowerPoint	✓	
Experience of working with SEND children and young adults		✓
Experience of teaching to all key stages up to and including key stage 3		✓
Experience of working with EAL students		✓
2. QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE	Essential	Desirable
Relevant degree in science, geography or history	✓	
Excellent communication skills with the ability to present to whole school audiences	✓	
Ability to work with children to create a positive learning experience	✓	
Qualified teacher status		✓
Familiar with the demands of the National Curriculum		✓
Knowledge of recent developments in learning outside of the classroom		✓
Confident with set up and maintenance of fish tanks and filters (on a need basis)		✓
Knowledge of the River Wandle (geography, history and its wildlife)		✓
Driving licence with access to private transport	✓	
First Aid Qualification		✓
3. PERSONAL QUALITIES	Essential	Desirable
Ability to inspire, motivate and educate young people about the river and its surroundings	✓	
Creativity and flexibility	✓	

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

Salary: £19.50 per hour, with reasonable travel expenses to and from schools covered by the Trust

Contract period: The position is on a freelance basis. The contract is for a fixed term between October 2016 and June 2017.

Driving licence: A full driving licence is required with your own vehicle available. Access to a van when required will be available.

Hours of work: This position is on a freelance basis, and there are no set hours. Teachers will need to demonstrate flexibility as the sessions booked by schools vary.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply you need to supply the following:

1. Your latest **Curriculum Vitae** (maximum two sides of A4 size paper) – including your postal address, your personal contact details and the names and contact details of two referees.
2. A **Letter of Application** (maximum 500 words) stating:
 - (a) which geographical area you would prefer (Merton/Wandsworth or Croydon/Sutton)
 - (b) the reasons why you have applied for the position as Freelance Teacher

Completed applications need to be sent by e-mail to: david.gill@wandletrust.org and received no later than 12 noon on Monday 24 October 2016.

Interviews will take place in in our Denmark Road office on Monday and Tuesday of the week beginning Monday 31 October 2016.

Those participants invited to interview will prepare a written lesson plan designed for a Key Stage 2 audience for a 20 minute session on ONE of the following themes:

- The River and its Wildlife
- The River and its History
- The River and Climate Change

This will be discussed during the interview. Please note interviewees will not be expected to teach or resource the session!

All applications will receive an acknowledgement on receipt. If you have any specific questions then do call David Gill on mobile 07468 529 312 or e-mail these questions to: david.gill@wandletrust.org

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