



Job Description

Education Officer (Variable Hours)

(A driving license and access to a vehicle is needed for this role)

Let's Talk Animals CIC/Cedars Nature Centre have an exciting opportunity for an experienced education officer to join our growing education team. For the right candidate, this post offers a fantastic opportunity to work with a variety of mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, and invertebrates.

The successful candidate will play a crucial role with the zoo's offsite animal education visits to schools (all levels of education), scouts and guides and other organisations.

This job is well suited to someone who already works part time (especially in the animal industry) and is looking to develop and gain experience as an educational officer with full training and shadowing of the role.

Job Outline

- Education officer - This is a Variable Hours role that would **require you to drive** and have **access to a suitable vehicle**. Cedars Nature Centre will book in offsite school visits during the week and you will be expected to travel to and from Cedars Nature Centre with our ambassador animals teaching children of all ages about curriculum based topics such as minibeasts, rainforests, classification etc.
- You will liaise with one of our directors as to your availability for these dates and they will be booked in advance to ensure you are free to carry out these duties.
- Experience in public speaking and presenting is a **MUST** and to have the ability to safely and confidently handle various animal species to various educational groups is required. You will be expected to be able to engage with and teach all levels of education. *(training and shadowing will be provided for all aspects of this role)*.
- Animals and equipment will be provided by Cedars Nature Centre.
- You will receive reimbursement for petrol expenses.
- Variable pay from £12.71 - £15 per hour.
- Hours are variable due to the number of bookings each week. Expect more hours during peak periods (term time), with fewer hours during quieter times (school holidays). No guaranteed minimum hours.
- This role can also be flexible to particular days of the week. This will be explained at interview.

(Bank holidays are worked as standard)

Main Duties and Responsibilities

- Plan, deliver, and evaluate a range of educational sessions for schools.
- Create engaging educational talks for all ages and abilities.
- Support the development of public talks, events, and visitor learning opportunities.
- Handle mammals, reptiles and invertebrates in a safe manner, taking into account the animals welfare and needs.
- Travel to and from Cedars Nature Centre in your own vehicle to schools and deliver educational talks to the children.
- Maintain accurate records.

The successful candidate will have:

- Proven experience in the care and management of a variety of animal species (domestic and zoo species). Knowledge of natural history, biodiversity, conservation and animal welfare.
- An HND, degree level qualification or zoological apprenticeship in related science or equivalent experience
- Outstanding observational skills with excellent attention to detail.
- Strong presentation and communication skills with the ability to carry out educational talks to all ages and abilities.
- Experience of working within strict safe working practices
- Full Driving License - you will be required to drive your own car to outreach sessions.
- Competency in the use of computers and basic software packages, would be advantageous for this role in order to maintain accurate records.

If you feel this role appeals to you then please send us an email confirming the position, you are applying for plus an up to date CV and Cover Letter stating how your experience allows you to meet the jobs main duties and responsibilities to letstalk.animals@outlook.com

Cedars Nature Centre is located within the Borough of Broxbourne and can be found within Cedars Park on Theobalds lane just off from the A10.