



LOUGH NEAGH PARTNERSHIP

TITLE: Lough Neagh Ranger

EMPLOYER: Lough Neagh Partnership

RESPONSIBLE TO: Shoreline and Islands Team Manager

BASED AT: Lough Neagh Partnership offices, Unit 3, 135a Shore Road, Ballyronan. BT45 6JA
(Ranger duties to be undertaken on or around the entire Lough Neagh area)

SALARY: Local Government Salary Scale 6 Point 18 (gross £31,537 pa)

NB: This is a fixed term contract until 31 March 2028 with the possibility of an extension for a further 4-year period subject to funding under the DAERA Environment Fund

PURPOSE OF JOB:

To undertake practical survey, monitoring and conservation work as part of the Lough Neagh Partnership 'Lough Neagh ASSI Management' project aimed at restoring favourable status to the Lough Neagh SPA, ASSI. This will include survey, monitoring and habitat management on Lough Neagh islands breeding bird sites and shoreline sites including Killycolpy, Killywoolaghan, Reas Wood & Farris Bay SAC, and the School Lands at Derrytresk and Derrylaughan.

KEY DUTIES:

1. Delivery of ASSI Management project on the Lough Neagh islands and other sites around the Lough Neagh shoreline
2. To undertake habitat, bird, flora, fauna, and invertebrate habitat surveys (e.g. WeBs surveys, heronry surveys, Northern Ireland seabird and curlew surveys. *NB: Some of these will be undertaken by boat*).
3. To upload data to CEDaR website and to share with colleagues from DAERA, NIEA and other organisations on request.
4. Habitat management and, if appropriate and consented, management of predator control activities.
5. To provide survey reports (habitat, invertebrate, birds, etc)
6. Stakeholder engagement – to liaise with landowners, farmers, fishermen, sand traders, wildfowlers, community, marina, and other recreational users as/if required.
7. To develop, organise and supervise a volunteer network and volunteer events.
8. Boat handling, boat, and habitat management equipment maintenance.
9. To provide risk assessments for all activities as required and to ensure compliance with health and safety requirements and to ensure these are signed off by the Line Manager.
10. Preparation and submission of applications for consent/ wildlife licence to DAERA/ NIEA. To ensure consents are in place for all proposed survey, monitoring and habitat management work and that all works comply with the conditions of any consent granted.
11. To liaise with and assist other members of the Lough Neagh Partnership (LNP) team as required.
12. To undertake representational duties for the Lough Neagh Partnership If required.
13. To assist with media engagement as/when required.
14. Any other duties as required.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

<i>ESSENTIAL CRITERIA</i>
<p>Previous relevant experience in at least three of the following areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Third level qualification in environmental management, ecology, countryside management, or another related subject• Two years relevant work experience.• Knowledge of Lough Neagh designations, its wildlife and feature species• Excellent bird identification skills• Wildlife, invertebrate and/or botanical survey and monitoring skills• Physical ability to undertake heavy manual labour in an outdoor environment.

- Previous experience of risk assessment and/or the application of health and safety requirements.
- Data analysis and report writing skills.
- Good communication skills and ability to deal with members of the public.
- Current driving license and access to own transport.
- IT skills (competent user of Microsoft Office)

DESIRABLE CRITERIA

- Previous experience of risk assessment and/or the application of health and safety requirements.
- Understanding of ASSI/SPA designations, the need for consent and/or wildlife licences.
- Previous experience as a volunteer and/or volunteer management
- Previous experience in practical habitat management and/or conservation work.
- First aid, strimming, chainsaw, use of pesticide training qualifications.
- Ability to photograph and record wildlife.
- Knowledge of CEDaR recording system and ability to upload data to website.
- Boat handling skills RYA Powerboat Level II