**Cumbernauld Living Landscape**

# Community researcher

**Temporary – 24hrs per month for 3 months**

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| **Location Of Job** | Scottish Wildlife Trust, Cumbernauld |
| **Dept/Region** | Conservation |
| **Reporting To** | Project Manager |

**Overall Purpose of the Job**

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| To carry out interviews with community members in Cumbernauld and learn about their experiences of the Cumbernauld Living Landscape project as part of the monitoring and evaluation strategy |

**Main Duties**

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| * The main purpose of the role is to carry out online interviews with stakeholders in the Cumbernauld Living Landscape Creating Natural Connections project. * You will work with the project team led by the Scottish Wildlife Trust and the social science team at the James Hutton institute to discuss the background of the research, receive training and agree a work plan for carrying out the interviews. * You will be supported by the Project Officers to identify key contacts at community organisations and approach them to check their willingness to be interviewed about their experience of working with the Cumbernauld Living Landscape Creating Natural Connections project. * The postholder will work with the Cumbernauld Living Landscape project team to evaluate the impact of the Cumbernauld Living Landscape’s activities to help support local community groups and organisations to increase their local capacity. * The postholder will, together with other community researchers, conduct online interviews with community members in and around Cumbernauld and contribute to reporting about the findings of the interviews. * The postholder will work with Cumbernauld Living Landscape project staff to make sure interviews are recorded and stored safely and securely. * Where possible, the postholder will also contribute to the presentation of the findings of their research. |

**Key Internal and External Contacts**

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| **External**   * Research staff of the James Hutton Institute * Staff at the Scottish Wildlife Trust and TCV * Representatives and members of local community organisations and community councils in Cumbernauld. * Other participants in the Creating Natural Connections project   **Internal**   * Work closely with the CNC project team including the Project Manager and Project Officers. |

**Personal Specification**

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| Essential Qualifications and Experience |
| There is no specific background that we’re looking for, but if you’ve had any experience asking people about their thoughts and experiences this would be advantageous |
| Essential Knowledge, Skills and Abilities |
| * Openness to engage with a range of different views and experiences. * Good social skills and confidence in speaking to people from a variety of backgrounds. * Good communication skills (especially speaking, writing an advantage) * Ability to listen * An interest and willingness to participate in research through carrying out interviews with community members. * An interest in learning from other people. * Ability to communicate through software such as MS Teams to carry out interviews and meetings |
| Advantageous |
| * Understanding of the Cumbernauld Living Landscape project * Interest in people and communities; interest in the natural environment. |

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