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JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE:	Marine Restoration & Engagement Officer – Wild Oysters/Stronger Shores
REPORTS TO:	Marine Ecology Technical Lead, and Restoration Project Manager (ZSL) with respect to the Wild Oyster – Stronger Shores delivery.
RESPONSIBLE FOR:	Any volunteers and placements associated with the projects
LOCATION:	Norfolk Street, Sunderland and homeworking. There will be local fieldwork and travel.
WORKING HOURS:	Part Time - 30 hours / 4 days per week
SALARY:	£25,129 - £27,826 per annum, pro rata
DURATION:	Initial fixed term 12 months with possible extension

JOB SUMMARY

Wild Oysters: Tyne & Wear aims to restore self-sustaining native oyster populations in the Northeast of England. The project delivers three key activities: 1) Oyster nurseries in Sunderland marina, 2) Seabed restoration sites, 3) Outreach, engagement, and education.

The Zoological Society of London and Groundwork North East have been awarded funding via the Stronger Shores Partnership, to continue the Wild Oysters: Tyne & Wear project. Stronger Shores aims to improve the understanding of the benefits of marine habitats such as kelp, seagrass and oyster reefs with regards to coastal erosion, flood risk, climate change and biodiversity management. South Tyneside Council, as lead organisation, will be managing the 6-year regional scheme on behalf of the Stronger Shores Partnership.

The Marine Restoration & Engagement Officer will be employed by Groundwork NE & Cumbria and work closely with the Zoological Society of London to deliver the project. The postholder will be responsible for the organisation and arranging monitoring sessions at the oyster nursery sites, delivering public

outreach and education sessions to engage the local community with the project. The postholder will support the Marine Ecology Technical Lead on all aspects of seabed restoration work and any other technical support appropriate to the role.

KEY TASKS

Project Communication & administration:

- Organise quarterly meetings with the local working group to provide an update in the progress of the Rehabilitation Hub. Take minutes and circulate.
- Maintain and build relationships and capacity with local stakeholders, including local schools, businesses and marine users.
- Gather and share local knowledge relevant to the project and restoration activities being carried out.
- To develop and maintain relationships with funders and lead on grant funding applications.
- Submit monthly reports to the project management on progress and report against indicators.
- Coordinate all social media communications associated with the role.
- Produce reports of project progress and scientific outputs.

Outreach, engagement, and education:

- Responsible for checking and maintaining oyster nurseries and stock
- Scientific monitoring of the oyster nurseries and environmental parameters of the marinas.
- Train citizen scientists in oyster nursery monitoring
- Responsible for checking the Oyster Nurseries and equipment list and reporting back to the GWKNE Technical Lead and ZSL Project Manager
- Assist with the restoration of oyster reefs including baseline monitoring and monitoring of recovery.
- Responsible for the appropriate and safe use and maintenance of field survey and other scientific equipment for use on projects.
- Responsible for creating and updating risk assessments for oyster nursery outreach and engagement.
- To lead on the recruitment, management and development of all project volunteers and placements.
- To build the volunteer database in compliance with GDPR regulations.
- Work closely with the Project Manager and Delivery Partners to develop events each year including: local cultural and historical events, marina open days, knowledge exchange events with local fishers.
- Lead site visits to the marina for schools and community groups
- Deliver education sessions

Group communications

- Seek to capture images and video footage of the project progress when possible.
- To lead on the promotion and communication of the project in the local community and online on social media channels, websites and blog posts, in accordance with the communication guidelines issued by the Wild Oyster Communication Steering committee.
- Take part in interviews and press events about the project.

Travel Requirements

- Regular local travel is a requirement of the role with some national travel including between project sites and ZSL London HQ.
- Travel to conferences including within UK for Native Oyster Network meetings and Europe for relevant conferences.
- Regular local travel will be needed to deliver this role

Additional Requirements:

- Comply with all organisational policy, procedures and systems.
- To be aware of, and assume the appropriate level of responsibility for, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and to report any concerns in accordance with the organisation's safeguarding policies
- Ability to work outside normal office hours.
- Any other duties commensurate with the level of the post.
- To support the Technical Lead in all aspects of project delivery as appropriate to the role