**Job Title:**      Woodlands Education and Outdoor Learning Tutor

**Location:**       King’s Reach, Maidstone

**Salary:**          **£23,000 to £28,000**

**Hours:**            40 hrs per week

**Contract:**       Full-time (One Year Fixed Term) to start

If you want to work for a charity that is committed to improving the lives of young people, we have an exciting opportunity for you.

We now have a fantastic opportunity to assist in developing our Woodlands Education and Outdoor learning programme from our 10-acre woodlands area. If you are looking to join a new, highly dedicated team in a challenging and rewarding environment, we would love to hear from you!

We welcome applicants from a Formal Education background and a Forest Education and Outdoor learning environment.

**Overview**

At King's Reach Woodlands, we provide education and learning opportunities for SEN students aged 11 to 25, including those with Complex Learning Difficulties and challenging behaviour. Situated on our 10-acre woodland site, we are starting to develop new qualifications and courses customised for SEN students.

The Woodlands Tutor will support our Woodlands Manager in delivering qualifications, managing small groups, and overseeing woodland maintenance. Your role will involve teaching and supporting students in our outdoor learning projects and activities. You will design and deliver engaging outdoor lessons that accommodate diverse learning styles, nurturing confidence and self-esteem in students who require additional support.

An understanding of the importance of safeguarding the health and well-being of all pupils within the woodlands is essential. The successful candidate will uphold the charity’s policies and procedures regarding child protection and safeguarding.

**Physical Demands**

The job requires moderate levels of physical effort. It involves lifting and handling of equipment and other resources and to be involved in practical activities and physical care of the outdoor environment. The role is almost exclusively outside and will require working on uneven surfaces and in unpredictable weather conditions.

**Main Responsibilities**

* To assist the woodlands manager in developing a Forest Education curriculum from our 10-acre woodlands site.
* To establish a forest school provision that other schools, or stakeholders can access.
* To mentor, coach and facilitate learning for specific young people.
* To explore vocational qualifications for Forest Outdoors Education and outdoor learning.
* To deliver bespoke woodland qualifications.
* Widen access for the community and corporate market.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All successful applicants will be subject to a fully enhanced DBS

**Job specifications**

**Required:**

* Forest School Level 3 qualification or working towards it.
* Recent and significant experience in leading Forest School/outdoor education sessions with children of a range of ages in an outdoor environment and a passion for outdoor learning.
* Hold a current enhanced DBS certificate.
* Flexibility, (some work required at weekends, some longer days).
* Hold a current driving licence.
* Be committed to the safety and welfare of those in their care and uphold all safeguarding responsibilities.
* Have a clear understanding and experience of managing/ supporting challenging behaviour in a positive manner.
* Support and inspire children and encourage them to engage with learning opportunities.
* Understand the different ways in which children learn and be able to adapt methods to meet the individual needs of each learner.
* Build and sustain effective working relationships with learners, colleagues, schools, and families (as appropriate).
* Demonstrate effective time management and organisational skills.
* Demonstrate a positive commitment to own personal development.
* Demonstrate effective administration and communication skills.
* Follow instructions and assist the Forest School Manager when required.
* Deliver high quality Forest School sessions.
* Plan and prepare sessions including resources.
* Ensure that all sessions are well prepared, and risk assessed.
* Show commitment to safe working practice and use of risk assessments to support effective learning and safeguarding.
* Be an innovator – excited by change, able to turn innovative thinking into practical and successful outcomes.
* Think creatively, anticipate and solve problems.
* Show commitment to safe working practice and use of risk assessments to support effective learning and safeguarding.
* Be responsible for excellent standards of care and education for all.
* Ensure all safeguarding obligations are met.
* Use observation and student review to monitor progress.
* Administer basic first aid as the need arises.

**Desirable:**

* Experience working with learners with SEND/SEMH.
* Hold a current Outdoor first aid certificate
* Positively influence the practice of others.
* Evidence of ongoing personal professional development Forest School or Outdoor Learning qualification.
* DBS on the update service
* Demonstrate a positive approach to continuous professional development.
* Experience of working with adults and other groups.

**Personal specifications**

**Required:**

* Possess a willing attitude and have a flexible, intelligent approach to tasks.
* Be a reflective and creative practitioner.
* Communicate effectively with self - awareness and social perception.
* Have energy and resilience.
* Be adaptable to changing circumstances and new ideas.
* Have the confidence to act upon one’s own initiative and to be proactive.
* Passionate about outdoor learning and play.
* Love working outdoors in all weathers and genuinely want to be outdoors all day, all year round.
* Love working with young children and care primarily about their emotional and physical wellbeing.