

Minimum 60 days per year. Contract for services based on £164.80 per day + expenses. Additional days available for specific funded projects.

LEAF is seeking to appoint a self-employed, home-based education consultant to join its highly regarded education team. You will work with teachers, farmers, young people and others in the land-based and food sectors to encourage learning about food, farming and the countryside in a wide variety of ways. This is an exciting part-time contract for services offering you scope to be innovative in your approach. The vacancy results from our long-standing consultant moving to another role.

Role description

In Wales:

- Design an agreed termly programme of opportunities including elements such as: teacher workshops/meetings/events, seminars for farmers and growers, visits to schools, participation in conferences/shows/events, talks/training at initial teacher training sessions and support for newly qualified teachers.
- Manage the agreed budget for the principality and provide detailed monthly breakdown of expenses.
- Undertake regular monitoring, evaluation and reporting on activity against agreed targets and using LEAF Education's processes.
- Forge and maintain relationships with partner organisations.
- Network effectively with members, rural organisations/initiatives, land based colleges and societies in Wales.
- Broaden contacts with farmers and growers, and support them to work with schools and offer farm visits.
- Develop the membership base in Wales
- Develop strong links with colleges and universities in Wales.
- Maintain an up-to-date understanding of resources, curriculum, exam specifications and educational initiatives from EYFS to Key Stage 5 with support from the wider LEAF Education team.
- Plan, manage and host small projects and events (e.g. workshops and seminars)
- Work with our national fundraiser to support bids relating to Wales, and co-operate with funders on delivering against their requirements.
- Seek opportunities to be an ambassador for LEAF Education and its supporters at events

As part of the national team:

- Attend team meetings and professional development sessions at least three times a year, including a minimum of one residential.
- Write and contribute to educational resources and briefings.
- Collaborate with team members to share good practice and experience.
- Occasionally operate in England, for example leading a seminar in another region, or an online webinar.
- Contribute to national bids for funding and report on impact.
- Assist with the development of LEAF Education programmes, such as the biennial Bayer/LEAF Education Awards.
- Contribute towards the evaluation of LEAF Education's work.



Person specification

It is essential that RECs:

- Hold qualifications (or extensive experience) relating to formal education, outdoor learning, or public engagement.
- Demonstrate a love for the countryside and food, an affinity with farming and food production and are driven by helping others to learn.
- Present a broad and balanced view of food, farming and the natural environment.
- Possess excellent networking and relationship building skills, enabling them to work with a diverse range of partners.
- Can demonstrate good communications and presenting skills.
- Are competent with basic IT (writing, presenting, email, using the internet to research and collaborate).
- Show self-awareness, being able to evaluate their own practice.
- Have the ability to manage their own budgets and time within agreed parameters.
- Be familiar with and have a working knowledge of the curriculum in Wales, or show an aptitude for supporting teachers to deliver the curriculum through LEAF Education activities.
- Are willing and able to travel throughout Wales.

It is desirable to hold full Qualified Teacher Status and be bilingual.

About LEAF

LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming) is the leading organisation delivering more sustainable food and farming. LEAF works with farmers, the food industry, scientists and consumers to inspire and enable sustainable farming that is prosperous, enriches the environment and engages local communities. We are leading a collaborative approach within the industry for better education and public engagement in farming, food and the countryside among the public, children and young people.

www.leafuk.org

LEAF Education is the leading educational charity working with schools, farmers and teachers to help young people understand the connection between farming and their daily lives. We work to inspire and educate future generations about farming, food and the countryside. LEAF Education creates high quality educational experiences, both inside and outside the classroom, that change perspectives and deepen understanding of the food we eat, the people who produce it and the choices we all make as citizens. www.education.leafuk.org

Please find Our Work in Action 2017-18 for an overview of our work completed last academic year: <https://bit.ly/2QwmZkF>

- Connect with the natural world
- Address issues of national and global importance
- Learn more effectively through outdoor education
- Gain relevant knowledge and skills
- Develop a good relationship with food and health
- Think critically about their role as consumers
- Consider careers in the food, farming and countryside industries

Last year the Regional Education Consultants (RECs) collectively helped over 20,000 pupils in over 700 schools gain a learning experience involving food, farming or the natural environment, many for the first time. Furthermore they have collectively supported or trained over 15,000 teachers through ITT courses or CPD events.

Regional Education Consultants

The Regional Education Consultants are key to LEAF Education's work and for most of our beneficiaries, they are the primary means of working with LEAF Education. Our Consultants are highly respected by teachers, farmers and others in their network, for their knowledge, ability, friendliness and commitment.

RECs are able to take a broad and balanced approach to education in relation to the issues of food, farming and the natural environment. RECs work in their region with local farmers who want to share their expertise and host school visits; with teachers who are supported to use farming and the countryside as a vehicle to deliver the National Curriculum and Exam Specifications; and with a variety of land-based businesses and individuals who share our aims. RECs are encouraged to use and develop their own specialisms (for example sciences, literacy, arts and crafts, geography, PSHE, business, technology, cooking and nutrition) both within their region, and for sharing across regions.

The RECs work closely with a small, friendly national team based at Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire. Support is always available by 'phone or email and regular meetings are held to exchange ideas and discuss issues of concern. RECs are encouraged to build up a bank of resources and the national team, alongside the other RECs, will offer advice and suggestions about where to source materials, for example using Countryside Classroom.



Terms and conditions

Regional Consultants must be self-employed and hold (or be ready to hold) their own professional indemnity insurance.

A contract is offered for a minimum of 60 days' work per year (effective for 11 months from September to July). Additional work may be offered as projects and finances allow.

RECs should be flexible with their time to enable effective working with LEAF Education and its beneficiaries. However, it is recognised that RECs may have other commitments that will need to be balanced with their LEAF Education work.

RECs will be checked by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

The contract for service is currently based on £164.80 per day plus expenses (mileage currently at £0.45 per mile).

RECs should be based in Wales, have their own car and be able to travel.

Next steps

If you believe you have the skills, knowledge and enthusiasm to be a Regional Education Consultant in Wales, then please send us your CV and covering letter, outlining why you are suited for the role, to arrive by 10th October 2019, to Janet Hickenbottom education@leafuk.org. Interviews will be held on 29th October 2019.



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