



## **Job Advert - Woodland Assistant Dronley Community Woodland**

### **Responsible for:**

The Woodland Assistant will support the Woodland Manager and the team of Foresters with the project of regenerating, restructuring and developing Dronley Wood and other local woodlands across Angus towards site-adapted, diverse, stable and resilient mixed woodlands.

### **Hours:**

1-2 days per week, flexible

### **Contract:**

3 Months (flexible, depending on number of days per week)

### **Reports to:**

Woodland Manager

### **Rate of Pay:**

£ 12.50 per hour

### **Role Overview:**

We are looking for an enthusiastic, committed and motivated individual who can help our team prepare and implement continuous cover forestry principles at Dronley Community Woodland and in other local woodlands involved in the Angus Climate Hub. The woodland assistant will have the opportunity to get involved in many aspects of Continuous Cover Forestry like monitoring, surveying, silvicultural planning, marking thinnings, planning and implementing events, meeting landowners, weeding, collecting seeds, direct seeding, tree planting and chainsaw work. This rewarding role also includes working with our very dedicated group of volunteers. The woodland assistant will be based at Dronley Community Woodland and other local woodlands across Angus. The part-time position as a woodland assistant is a fantastic opportunity to develop skills and knowledge in Continuous Cover Forestry and to learn about the essential role of ecological woodland management in mitigating the effects of climate change.

### **About Dronley Community Woodland and Angus Climate Hub:**

Dronley Community Woodland (Area: 50 ha) is close to Dundee and very popular with walkers, runners, cyclists, and horse riders. We have more than 20,000 visits per year. Dronley Wood offers local employment, volunteering opportunities, school visits, courses, and cooperation with local woodland owners and other local organizations. Dronley Community Woodland is committed to creating a long-lasting legacy for the local community. We manage Dronley Wood as a multi-purpose woodland where community access, biodiversity, timber production and recreation value are equal priorities. We aim to develop Dronley Wood into a site-adapted, diverse, stable, resilient mixed woodland that can produce valuable timber for future generations. The woodland management of Dronley Wood is carried out according to ecological processes using low-impact woodland management strategies. This kind of woodland management is called Continuous Cover Forestry (=

Ecological Woodland Management). Continuous Cover Forestry is essential for mitigating the effects of climate change. Dronley Community Woodland is part of the Angus Climate Hub. We want to inspire, encourage and help other local woodland owners to manage and develop their woodlands according to Continuous Cover Forestry Principles for the benefit of future generations.

**Key duties and responsibilities:**

- To assist our team of foresters with tree felling, snedding, extracting and forwarding
- To assist with surveying and monitoring individual woodland stands
- To assist with silvicultural planning and marking thinnings
- To help with organizing, preparing and running volunteer days, school visits and community engagement events
- To assist with and, after training, carry out and lead Seed Collecting, Direct Seeding, Deer Fencing and Tree Planting Projects- following good practice and risk assessment
- To work with partner organisations and landowners in developing suitable woodland management strategies
- To work flexibly and to undertake any other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned from time to time
- To carry out duties with full regard to all Health and Safety Policies and risk assessments
- To travel around Angus using your transport as required

**Person specification:**

<b><u>Qualifications, Skills and Experience:</u></b>	<b><u>Essential</u></b>	<b><u>Desirable</u></b>
Experience in forestry or other relevant environmental subject, or proven experience in a similar role	<b>x</b>	
Full Driving Licence and own transport	<b>x</b>	
Confident using hand tools and showing others how to follow best practice	<b>x</b>	
Chainsaw Qualification	<b>x</b>	
Working in the environmental sector		<b>x</b>
Delivering and planning environmental activities		<b>x</b>
Woodland creation and tree planting		<b>x</b>
Woodland management planning and operations		<b>x</b>
Planning & leading community engagement events and managing volunteers		<b>x</b>
The role of trees and woodlands in mitigating the effects of climate change		<b>x</b>
Able to plan their time effectively across different sites and activities	<b>x</b>	
Work as part of a team and on their initiative	<b>x</b>	
Able to work flexibly	<b>x</b>	

**Application information**

If you are interested in the position of woodland assistant, please submit your application and CV to Dronley Community Woodland at [dronleycommunitywoodland@gmail.com](mailto:dronleycommunitywoodland@gmail.com)

The closing date for applications is at **12 pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

Interviews will be held at Dronley Community Woodland on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**We are looking forward to hearing from you.**