

Trees for Life

Skills for Rewilding Conservation and Landscape Planning Traineeship

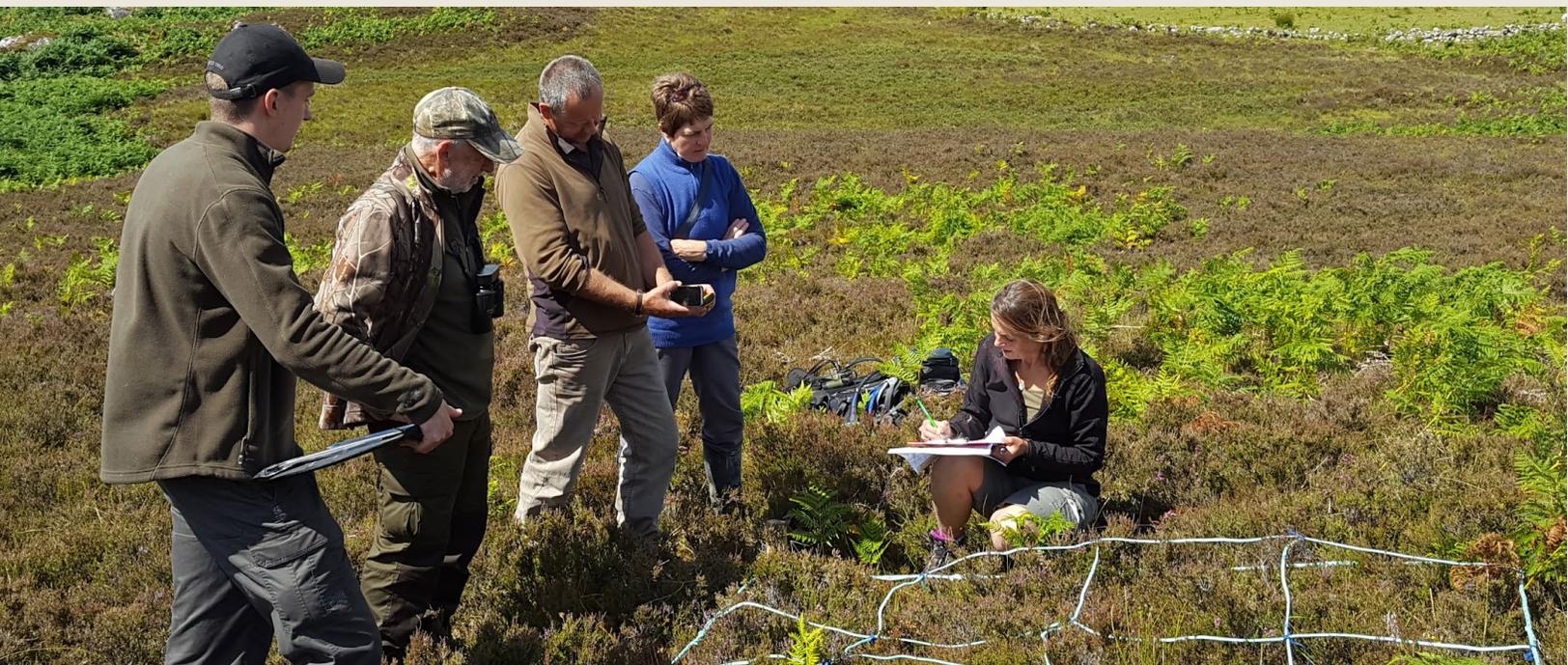
Trees for Life are recruiting one conservation and landscape planning trainee. The position will come with an increased bursary to support the trainee to live within the Inverness region, but accommodation will not be provided.

As an organisation, we are working to rewild the Scottish Highlands by enabling the restoration of the globally unique Caledonian Forest, which once covered much of Scotland. This traineeship will involve learning how to assess habitat conditions and how natural processes might be restored through a variety of practical training and learning experiences. These will be provided across a range of project sites in the Highlands, including Dundreggan Estate, near Loch Ness.

The qualification associated with this traineeship also includes elements that are relevant to a broad spectrum of conservation based jobs, including understanding and communicating environmental best practice, promoting responsible public use of outdoor sites and working to create or manage habitats.

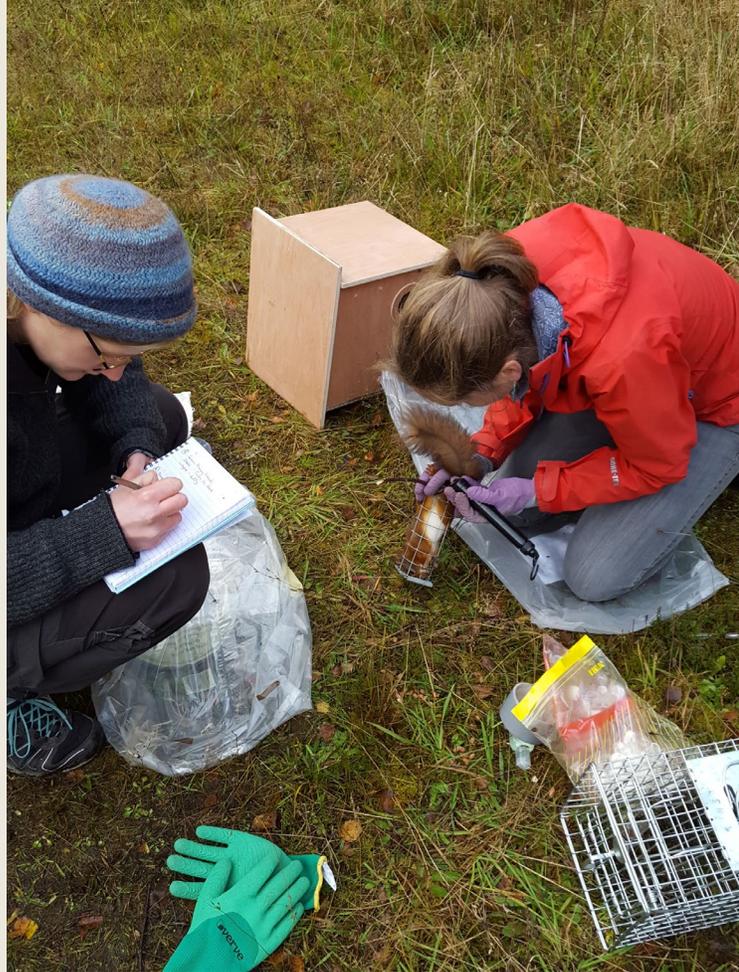
Traineeship experiences and learning

- Species identification, flora and fauna
- Assessing and monitoring woodland health and resilience
- Herbivore impact assessments
- Tree planting
- Red squirrel translocations
- Trail camera trapping
- Habitat mapping
- Tree nursery activities
- All-terrain vehicle certification
- Desk based research, data entry



Desirable attributes for this traineeship include

- Excited by the natural world
- Interested in restoration of habitats
- Motivated and organised
- Interested in environmental monitoring
- Able to work independently
- Good communicator
- Enquiring mind
- Proactive in seeking out opportunities
- Able to work as part of a team
- Good attention to detail
- Desire to inspire public enjoyment of wild spaces
- Practically inclined
- Flexible (happy to help with whatever needs doing)
- Willing to work in cold/hot, wet or midge conditions
- Reasonably physically fit



How you'll spend your time

- Four days a week learning by doing.
- One day a week independent study towards a Level 2 SVQ in Environmental Conservation.

If pandemic restrictions allow, there may be opportunities to go on work placements with external organisations, to make links with potential future employers and to increase knowledge about the conservation sector. In addition there will be crossover with activities on the other traineeships. There will be an opportunity to gain a first aid qualification and health and safety/risk assessment training will be provided.

The traineeship will include shadowing and learning from experienced members of the conservation field team at Trees for Life. Basic computer skills and ecological knowledge are desirable. A degree of independence would be advantageous, due to the trainee living off site and training being divided across multiple different places.

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