

Job Description - Senior Landscape Architect (Pay Band 4)

Job summary

As a Senior Landscape Architect, you join a high performing team of professionals within Forestry England's national operations team. You will assist, support and lead the delivery of strategic projects, and national and district programmes, which will shape improvements to the nation's forests, providing a high-quality landscape and visitor experience. You will be responsible for managing specific areas of work and projects set within the scope of the wider team.

The role is a mix of desk-based, and travel to the nation's forests.

Recent projects delivered by the team include; Delamere Visitor Centre, Whinlatter WOW trail, Pedal and Play facilities to introduce young people to off-road cycling, inclusive play at sites including Sherwood Pines and Westonbirt Arboretum and community woodland design.

Please note, this is a Temporary Appointment until 31st March 2027 with the possibility of extension or permanency but no guarantee.

Key responsibilities & accountabilities

- Support the team's principal landscape architects in workload planning, change management and mentoring while keeping track of your own workload and support tasks.
- Instigate, input and review from peers and experts, putting forward options and recommendations for work based on research and analysis.
- Contribute significantly to internal client relations.
- Lead on complex projects and lead meetings of a complex or sensitive nature.
- Use standard organisational processes and procedures to resolve complex problems.
- Responsible for the set up and scope of individual projects, generating creative solutions from concept design through to detailed design.
- Monitor project interdependencies and key relationships.
- Prepare and deliver internal and external communications and presentations.
- Support the good mental health and wellbeing of team members with whom there is a direct working relationship.
- Guide and brief less experienced members of the team in project work.
- Coordinate project work with other team members, meeting project delivery and deadlines.
- Contribute to project and forest district workload planning and prioritisation.
- May have line management responsibilities.

And any other tasks, reasonably requested by your line manager.

Location-Specific Information

York - this role is covering the north of England, with national travel required. Our national office in Bristol or another centrally located Forestry England office may be considered but is dependent on space and the availability to deliver in the north of England.

Skills, knowledge & experience

Essential professional and technical experience

- Fully qualified Chartered Landscape Architect
- At least 5 years of relevant work experience at post-graduate level.
- Technically competent with the ability to work independently and advise other team members in area of expertise.
- Experience and proficiency with AutoCAD and Adobe Creative Suite.
- Experience working on the landscape design and management public outdoor facilities.
- Competent IT user with experience in MS Office suite of applications and other relevant software such as SketchUp.

Desirable professional and technical experience

- Practical experience of design for recreation, woodland management and forestry.
- Line management experience.
- Experience in Global Information Systems (GIS).

Qualifications

Essential

- Fully qualified Chartered Landscape Architect

Desirable

- A full UK driving licence.