

Teachers Network Coordinator (Scotland) x4

Organisation:	Society of Biology
Salary:	£1,250 (plus up to £2,000 for travel)
Location:	Scotland
Hours:	Approx. 72 hours across the year
Position type:	Consultant
Contract:	1 year fixed term contract
Closing date:	1st December 5pm
Website:	www.societyofbiology.org

The Society of Biology is a single unified voice for biology: advising Government and influencing policy; advancing education and professional development; supporting our members, and engaging and encouraging public interest in the life sciences. We have an active branch and a regional officer in Scotland and we are now seeking to recruit from the community of biology teachers in Scotland, four part-time co-ordinators to facilitate the running of the newly established Society of Biology Teacher Network (Scotland).

The coordinators will support the management, and further development of, the SYNAPSE mailing list which currently has more than 700 members and provides both a very effective means of linking biology teachers across Scotland and a useful site for sharing resources. The key role of the four co-ordinators will be to help the Society sustain the Network and ensure that it is responsive to the needs of teachers. Each co-ordinator would also take on responsibility, with the assistance of the Society, for organising one regional event/meeting per term covering an aspect of current interest to the membership in their region. The Society will continue to organise an annual meeting where teachers can hear about some of the recent advances in biology that are relevant to the evolving curriculum in Scotland.

The four co-ordinators will be appointed as consultants at an annual fee of £1,250. The appointments would be for 1 year in the first instance with a starting date of 1st January 2015. It is anticipated that the time required would amount to approximately 72 hours over the year. The four co-ordinators will each have access to £2,000 for travel and the costs associated with running events.

The Network will be managed by a small team including Dr. Liz Lakin, (University of Dundee, Chair of the Society of Biology branch in Scotland), Professor Kevin O'Dell (University of Glasgow), Professor Jack Jackson, (University of Strathclyde and formerly with HM Schools Inspectorate in Scotland) and Paul Beaumont (Scottish Schools Education Research Centre). The management team will be responsible for liaising with the Society's Director of Education and Training, Rachel Lambert-Forsyth and making sure that she is kept informed of the particular needs of biology teachers in Scotland.

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Applications for these positions should be made by letter with an accompanying short CV and should be sent by email to Rachel Lambert-Forsyth at the Society of Biology rachellambertforsyth@societyofbiology.org by **5pm Monday December 1st**.

If you would like to discuss the positions please phone Scott Bryce on 07539 073100. Scott established SYNAPSE and is assisting the Society to develop the Network and will ensure that it continues to flourish after his secondment ends in January 2015.