**Charles Darwin House: Engagement Internship**

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| **Organisation** | British Ecological Society |
| **Salary** | £9.75 per hour |
| **Location** | London |
| **Hours** | Part-time (3 days a week) |
| **Contract** | Fixed Term Contract – 4 months  |
| **Closing date** | 5pm on 7th June 2017  |
| **Interview date** | 16th June 2017 |
| **Website** | [www.britishecologicalsociety.org](http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org) |

We are pleased to announce a part-time, fixed-term position, between late June and early October is available to deliver a two day festival based at Charles Darwin House in Central London and focussed on the science behind coffee. The event is timed to coincide with International Coffee Day and will take place on the 28th/29th September.

Provisionally we expect that the internship will involve 3 days per week between the week beginning 26th June and the week ending 6th October but we are open to negotiation.

**Job Description**

The Intern will work directly with the public engagement officers of the British Ecological Society and the Biochemical Society and on behalf of the Societies of Charles Darwin House to deliver a two day event centred on International Coffee Day. Key tasks will include

* Lead on developing a programme of activities
* Lead on building relationships with local food and drink providers
* With support, develop and implement a comprehensive marketing plan to the local community and further afield
* Collaborate across the Societies of Charles Darwin House
* Represent Charles Darwin House at external meetings where appropriate
* Assist with administrative tasks including managing the departmental social media and online presence in the build up to the event

This is an excellent opportunity to develop a wide range of skills including event management, science communication and public engagement. There is some scope for refining the tasks undertaken according to the experience and skills the intern would like to develop.

**Person Specification**

* Graduate (ideally in biosciences or related disciplines
* Approachable and friendly manner
* Demonstrable knowledge of and genuine interest in public engagement
* Excellent written communication skills
* Excellent IT skills, including social media, content generation for websites

**To Apply**

Application is by CV (no more than two sides of A4) and covering letter (no more than one and a half sides of A4).

**Interviews**

Interviews will be with the external affairs manager and the engagement officers of the British Ecological Society and Biochemical Society during which you will be asked to give a presentation based on an assigned task related to the role advertised.

We will reimburse travel expenses and will provide expense claim forms to candidates selected for interview.

**International Coffee Day at Charles Darwin House**

**Aims and objectives –**

* To raise the profile of Charles Darwin House as a bioscience hub.
* To promote good scientific thinking and engage the local community with current scientific research.
* To provide an opportunity for Society staff and members to engage with the local community.

**Outline of proposed event –**

*28th September 2017, Thursday Evening: - CDH Lates: Is Coffee Culture sustainable?*

An event featuring major players in the coffee industry including producers, academics and organisations such as Fair Trade/Nestle. It is proposed that this should focus on aspects such as sustainability and ethical resourcing, production developments, physiological effects of caffeine, climate change and the general pros and cons of coffee.

After this there will be coffee themed drinks (espresso martinis!) and nibbles etc.

*29th September 2017, Friday: - From field to consumption, the journey of coffee*

A free drop-in event, exploring all aspects of coffee production and consumption. Visitors will be taken on a journey around CDH, with different areas focusing on different aspects of the coffee journey.

Stalls will include:

* Introduction to the main players: Arabica and Robusta. Exploring the biology of the plants, the differences and the history of coffee – inviting plants from Kew.
* Cultivation: looking at how coffee plants are grown, the different regions of production, and the way this effects taste. This area will also explore the effects of climate change and pests/disease.
* Production: this will focus on the journey from harvesting to bagging and/or roasting and will look at the different ways that beans are harvested from pods and the chemical changes that take place during roasting.
* Consumption: this will look at the different preparation methods of coffee and the effects of caffeine on the body
* The after-life of coffee: looking at novel uses of coffee grounds – body scrubs, mushroom production, beer, re-useable coffee cups etc…

Note: Issues around sustainability should be woven into each station where appropriate.

Visitors will be able to drop in for as long as they want. The focus on coffee will enable member organisations to engage visitors on the science behind the cup. It is an informal event appealing to a wide group of people, including local businesses, residents and those seeking a free cup of coffee on their way to work or mid-morning