

The Collaborative Action for the Natura Network (CANN) project is a consortium of public bodies, third-level institutions, charities and local government authorities from Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland led by Newry, Mourne & Down District Council (NMDDC).

This project will deliver direct conservation actions across Special Areas of Conservation to contribute towards the programme output of 4,500 ha of habitats supported in order to improve conservation status.

The project will produce conservation action plans for across priority habitats: including alkaline fens, blanket bog, active raised bog, hard oligo-mesotrophic waters (marl lakes), calcareous fens, and transition mires/quaking bogs.

The project will also produce site-specific species action plans for the INTERREG VA priority species including white-clawed crayfish, hen harrier, breeding waders (curlew, redshank, snipe, golden plover) and red grouse.

**This project has been supported by the EU's INTERREG VA Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body. As part of this project the Golden Eagle Trust is undertaking a range of tasks within various work packages in particular to provide monitoring expertise and upland management. This requires the recruitment of a site co-ordinator to support these tasks. This is an exciting opportunity for someone to work across a range of sites and jurisdictions and variety of species.**

<b><u>Job Description:</u></b>	SITE CO-ORDINATOR
<b>Job title:</b>	Golden Eagle Trust SITE CO-ORDINATOR
<b>Location of job:</b>	Boleybrack, Co. Leitrim & Co. Cavan with occasional attendance at other field or meeting locations in Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland and Scotland
<b>Post holder reports to:</b>	Team Leader, Project Ecologist
<b>Reporting to post holder:</b>	Volunteers, Contractors
<b>Duration of post:</b>	April 2017 – December 2021
<b>Salary:</b>	€38,000 pa

**Overall purpose of the job:**

- To assist with and undertake wildlife and habitat management and monitoring at Boleybrack and occasionally at other project sites, in particular to contribute to upland management work packages.
- To contribute to the delivery of project outputs and data collection as part of a project known as the Collaborative Action for the Natura Network (CANN) programme which is funded by EU INTERREG VA.

**Main duties:**

1. To undertake and co-ordinate a range of wildlife and habitat management focussing on key bird species (in particular breeding red grouse, hen harrier and waders) and mammal species (in particular corvids and large carnivore) monitoring and management at the project sites.
2. To record data on standardised hard copy field sheets and input/digitise data to spreadsheets and/or databases as required for project monitoring.
3. To undertake and conduct project actions including wildfire management, nest protection, grazing management, invasive species control and procurement of biological samples (e.g. faecal samples) and to liaise with and assist team leader, project ecologists, where necessary
4. To assist in the preparation of newsletters, technical reports and maps relating to the publication of updates, data, methods and aims of the programme and the relevant outputs.
5. Attend team meetings and workshops as part of the programme of works as required to increase awareness of programme activities and implementation.

**Other duties:**

- To report to and liaise regularly with line management and undertake the role in an environmentally friendly and conscientious manner.
- To follow relevant health and safety protocols and directions as provided by the team leader, project ecologist and site co-ordinator as necessary.

**Essential criteria**

- A third level qualification, degree and/or equivalent experience in biology, ecology, environmental science or other relevant discipline.
- Good knowledge and demonstrable experience of upland habitat and wildlife management techniques including wildfire and conservation burning management practices.
- Demonstrable expertise, training and permits for firearms and wildlife management tools and high level of awareness of appropriate health and safety requirements.
- Good knowledge and identification skills by sight, sound and indirect evidence of upland and lowland wildlife species.

### **Desirable criteria**

- Understanding of issues related to conservation of upland and lowland species and habitat management practices including related to legal predator control and management strategies.
- Track record in undertaking of implementation of upland management strategies and practices as well as wildlife surveys and/or management of volunteers.
- Awareness of management of data and electronic file management (including data security).
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills particularly useful if have experience of dealing with landowners and stakeholders.
- Good organisational and personal time management skills.
- Ability to work as part of a team but with sufficient motivation and communication skills to work on own initiative for much of the time.
- High level of written and spoken English and usage of computer software in particular Microsoft Word and Excel.
- Awareness of mapping software and processes as well as use of maps and GPS units.
- Ability to travel without the use of public transport.
- Flexibility to carry out some evening /weekend work where necessary.

### **Application process:**

Deadline for application 10/05/2017

Please see [www.goldeneagle.ie](http://www.goldeneagle.ie) for copy of job advert and application forms

Please contact [marcruddock@goldeneagle.ie](mailto:marcruddock@goldeneagle.ie) for application form and for further details or questions

Send completed application form and CV to [marcruddock@goldeneagle.ie](mailto:marcruddock@goldeneagle.ie) by 10/05/2017

Shortlisting be conducted by the 13/05/2017

Interviews will be conducted around the 15/05/2017