



ROLE: Coastal Programmes Officer – **Part-Time (4 days a week)**
SALARY: €27,000 – 30,000 per annum (pro rata), dependent on qualifications and experience
LOCATION: Wexford/Waterford/Wicklow – Home Based
CLOSING DATE: 12pm 27th January 2017

APPLY: Email Dawn Parkinson at: dparkinson@eeu.antaisce.org.
Application form available at www.cleancoastsireland.org

PURPOSE

The Environmental Education Unit (EEU) of An Taisce operates the Clean Coasts Programme, Green Coast Award and Blue Flag Award in Ireland.

Clean Coasts engages communities in the protection of Ireland's beaches, seas and marine life. The programme is currently funded by the Department Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government, Fáilte Ireland, Irish Water and Coca-Cola. Clean Coasts is made up of two elements; Clean Coasts Volunteering and the Green Coast Award. Currently there are over 500 Coastcare Groups operating along the coast of Ireland.

The programme promotes and facilitates coastal clean-up initiatives and marine litter surveys which result in a tangible and immediate improvement in Ireland's coastal environment. Clean Coasts organises hundreds of beach clean-ups annually mobilising thousands of volunteers, removing considerable quantities of marine litter from Ireland's beaches and waterways.

Clean Coasts has developed a suite of community engagement initiatives that has led to the expansion of the Clean Coasts programme, including; Clean Coasts Week, the Big Beach Clean weekend, Love Your Coast Photography Competition, Clean Coasts Ocean Hero Awards, Clean Coasts Road Show, #2MinuteBeachClean, Think Before You Flush, and the Clean Coasts Corporate Volunteering Programme.

The Blue Flag is a programme of the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) and is one of the world's most recognised eco-labels. Beaches and marinas that achieve this award must comply with a specific set of criteria relating to water quality, information provision, environmental education, safety and beach management and must comply with the excellent standard in accordance with the 2006 EU Bathing Water Directive. The Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government, funds the Blue Flag programme in Ireland.

The Green Coast Award is an award for beaches that meet the excellent standard for water quality as set out in the Bathing Water Directive but may not have the necessary built infrastructure to achieve Blue Flag status. An important element of this award is that these beaches have a beach management plan in place and that the local community is engaged in this process.

The post of Coastal Programmes Officer will be part-time role. The post will be 24 hours per week (4 days a week).

TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Working with the Coastal Programmes Team to deliver all aspects of the Coastal Programmes including:

- Engage and support community groups to assist them with Clean Coasts work
- Liaise with our existing partners in Local Authorities and other partners of the programme
- Assist with the organizing and facilitating of beach cleans/workshops/ presentations /events. The main elements are outlined below:
 - Clean Coasts Volunteering programme, i.e. Clean Coasts groups
 - The Annual Love Your Coast Photography Competition and Awards
 - Think Before You Flush programme
 - Clean Coasts Corporate Volunteering Programme
 - Blue Flag and Green Coast Awards
- Administration associated with the Clean Coasts Groups and Clean Coast Initiative
- Support Clean Coasts groups in your assigned region
- Monitor and evaluate development of programme
- Reporting to Clean Coasts Manager, Coastal Awards Manager and Senior Management Team
- Assist other Projects/Programmes that An Taisce operate when necessary
- Undertake any other such relevant duties as may from time to time arise and are considered appropriate.

PERSON SPECIFICATION Attributes	Attributes
Qualifications and Attainments	Essential
3rd Level Qualification in environmental studies/ education/research	
Experience	
A minimum of two years experience in a field relating to environmental education/ community engagement/ education or sustainable development.	Desirable
Knowledge, Skills & Aptitudes	
Knowledge of Environmental Issues	Essential
Knowledge of Sustainable Development	Desirable
Excellent communications and interpersonal skills	Essential
Excellent facilitation skills	Essential
Excellent computer skills including database management	Essential
Ability to manage a workload within tight deadlines	Essential
Ability to work with a wide range of stakeholders including schools, local authorities and other agencies.	Essential
<u>Disposition</u>	
Be a self starter	Essential
Be dependable and flexible	Essential
Be prepared to travel as part of your work	Essential
Be committed to working as part of a team	Essential
Tact and Diplomacy	Essential
Access to own transport with a clean driving license	Essential