

Blue Dot Outreach Coordinator

Location: Hybrid - Primarily Remote with offices located in Coomhola. Some travel within the South West (Cork, Clare, Kerry, Limerick, Tipperary)

Type: Part-time (Approximately 15 hours per week)

Reports to: Maggie McColgan, CEO

Wage: €18.50 per hour



Overview: The Blue Dot Outreach Coordinator will play a key role in raising awareness and fostering community engagement around Ireland's Blue Dot water bodies, recognised for their high ecological value. The Coordinator will work closely with local community groups, environmental organisations, and the LAWPRO Blue Dot Programme to enhance conservation efforts through tailored outreach and education initiatives.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Community Outreach and Engagement:

- Identify and proactively reach out to under-engaged community groups (e.g., Tidy Towns, Community Councils).
- Organise and attend local meetings to introduce the importance of Blue Dot water bodies.
- Build strong relationships with stakeholders to encourage participation in conservation efforts.

2. Event Coordination and Support:

- Work with StreamScapes educators, LAWPRO Community Water Officers, and LAWPRO Blue Dot team to plan and deliver interactive workshops, presentations, and educational field trips.
- Facilitate citizen science activities, such as kick sampling and species identification, to foster community connections to local water bodies.

3. Educational Material Development:

- Collaborate with the project team to create tailored educational materials, including booklets, infographics, and digital resources, that effectively communicate conservation messages.

4. Collaboration with LAWPRO:

- Ensure outreach activities align with the LAWPRO Blue Dot Programme.
- Share community feedback and lessons learned to inform future outreach strategies.

5. Monitoring and Reporting:

- Maintain accurate records of outreach activities, including group contacts, event participation, and community feedback.
- Prepare regular progress updates and a final project report detailing achievements and recommendations.

Qualifications and Skills:

Essential:

- Strong communication and interpersonal skills, with experience engaging diverse groups.
- Proven ability to plan and organise events, meetings, or community initiatives.
- Passion for environmental conservation and knowledge of freshwater ecology or related fields.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office & Google Suite and digital communication tools.
- Willingness to travel and work flexible hours to meet community needs.

Desirable:

- Experience working with community groups or in an outreach/education role.
- Familiarity with Ireland's water conservation policies and the Blue Dot Catchments Programme.
- Previous involvement in citizen science or educational initiatives.

What We Offer:

- The opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the protection of Ireland's most ecologically valuable water bodies.
- Flexible working arrangements.
- A collaborative and supportive team environment.

Application Process:

Please submit your CV and a cover letter outlining your relevant experience and motivation for the role to Maggie McColgan at info@StreamScapes.ie by 2 May 2025.