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Job Description – Dúlra Project Field Operative

Job Title:	Dúlra Project Field Operative
Duration:	9-month contract
Probationary Period:	3 months
Salary:	€22.50 per hour (gross)
Hours:	Full time basis (35 hours per week) or part time basis.
Reporting to:	The Dúlra Supervisor, Dúlra Project Manager and CEO, FORUM Connemara CLG
Location:	Outdoor work environment (Connemara / South Mayo)

Background:

FORUM Connemara is a rural development partnership of voluntary, community and statutory bodies based in Connemara. Established to address local disadvantage, FORUM Connemara has been working for the past thirty-four years to empower groups and individuals in the project area. All its programs adhere to the principles of community development.

The Dúlra Natura Communities Programme

FORUM Connemara works with the LIFE IP Wild Atlantic Nature (WAN) and others in this community-led project which aims to extend the current rhododendron control programme within the Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC to the greater SAC and to targeted areas within the Connemara Bog Complex SAC and the Twelve Bens and Garraun Complex SAC. It also seeks to expand local capacity to implement other peatland restoration actions such as fencing, access, drain management and conifer removal.

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FORUM Connemara seeks to recruit Dúlra Field Operative for Invasive Species Control and Bog Restoration who will work as part of the project team.

Responsibilities:

- Conduct daily outdoor operations primarily focused on controlling rhododendron using chainsaws and herbicide application. (Utilise NPWS preferred method of stem injection for rhododendron control.)
- Perform tasks related to the control of other invasive species as required.
- Participate in bog restoration projects, including water table management, fencing and related tasks such as making biochar and wool prototype products.
- Adhere to safety protocols and regulations while operating equipment and handling



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chemicals.

- Maintain accurate records of work activities and report any issues or observations to supervisors promptly.
- Work collaboratively with team members to achieve project objectives efficiently and effectively.

Experience and Qualifications

Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in outdoor work environments and operating chainsaws. • Full, clean category B driving license with own transport. • Ability to work independently with minimal supervision and as part of a team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working on a farm/garden maintenance • Knowledge of invasive species control methods, particularly stem injection techniques, is advantageous. • Safe Pass • Manual Handling certificate • Chainsaw certification (CS30 and/or CS31) • Pesticide spraying certification (PA1 and PA6A)

Skills & Aptitudes

Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physically fit for working outdoors and in rugged terrain in various weather conditions. • Problem-solving skills • Ability to work as part of a team • Motivated and enthusiastic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willingness to learn and adapt to new techniques and procedures. • Strong communication skills and attention to detail. • Irish speaker

Selection.

Following the advertised closing date, the selection process for the post will include shortlisting, structured interviews and reference checks and vetting through the National Vetting Bureau. The successful candidate must complete all training necessary for the post.

This job description is not intended to be exhaustive. The post-holder will be required to adopt a flexible attitude to the duties and work times which may have to be varied.

A panel may be formed from which existing and future similar vacancies may be filled. You may opt to join such a panel, subject to the outcome of this recruitment process.