



## OPPORTUNITY FOR A PART-TIME CREATIVE ROLE IN A NEW SOCIALLY ENGAGED ARTS AND SCIENCE PROJECT FOCUSSED ON WATER

We are looking for an artist in the early stage of their career to help deliver the creative community engagement element of the 'Voices of the Dart' project:

Someone keen to develop their socially-engaged creative practice with knowledge about and passions for the environment and ecology.

*Voices of the Dart is a new arts, community and science project that will act as a wake-up call to the challenges that our rivers in the UK are facing. With funding from South West Water's Water Saving Community Fund, the Bioregional Learning Centre is leading a large team that will focus on the River Dart in Devon this autumn.*

*If water could speak and spur humans to generative action what would it say? We are taking an innovative and creative approach to the issues around drought, flooding, water saving, and behaviour change by inviting the water itself to speak, through local people, and remind us that water is life and it is up to all of us to take care of the rivers that our drinking water comes from.*

We are looking for an early stage career artist who lives in South Devon to work alongside the Bioregional Learning Centre from August 2021 to February 2022. You will shape and help deliver this exciting and complex project through its design and prototype phase. You will be aiming to gain experience in social and community-engaged art practices and learn by doing. This is a paid role with mentoring and peer support.

You will help develop and deliver a creative strategy as an arts, science and community-led response to the future of our rivers in a time of climate change. We are establishing a practice around water-saving and flooding, river ecosystem health and human health by re-shaping our relationships with the River Dart. And at the same time creating a prototype that can be widely shared with other rivers. We will be inviting community groups, river scientists, climate experts, farmers, fishermen, citizens and organisations up and down the Dart to voice the river in a way that is powerful, enjoyable and transformative.

### Fees

10 Days at £150.00 per day.

In addition (2 days) peer support/mentoring will be provided by Anne- Marie Culhane & Jo Salter (<https://tidelines.uk>) established interdisciplinary practitioners in creative and environmental community engagement as well as by the Bioregional Learning Centre.

Role outline:

- Join us in developing ideas for, co-design and co-facilitation of creative engagement workshops. Ideally from 24 September when we have our first workshop.
- Identify different ways in which individuals/ communities/ organisations/ stakeholders can creatively express different voices of the River Dart.
- Assist with the administration and recruitment for the workshops.
- Assist in delivering up to four engagement workshops at different locations in the Dart Valley.
- Assist in designing and delivering a small public performance.
- Collaborate with the Bioregional Learning Centre in finding ways to record this socially engaged arts/science project as a prototype that can be widely shared.
- Collaborate with different community groups and with the Bioregional Learning Centre team to develop ideas for a festival along the Dart in 2022.

To apply please send your CV (to include links to two past projects or a website featuring your work) and up to one page of A4 outlining your interest in this project, your relationship to the Dart and an indication of how you would like to develop your practice as part of this project. Ideally the applicant will live in the Dart Catchment.

Closing Date: Friday 10 September 2021 5.00 pm.

Interviews will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

References or a statement of support will be required for the chosen candidate.

The Bioregional Learning Centre is an inclusive employer and we wish to reflect the communities we serve. We warmly welcome and encourage applications from people of all backgrounds and experiences.

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*The Bioregional Learning Centre builds collaborations to shift South Devon towards long-term resilience in the face of climate change, biodiversity loss and the challenges to human health. We work in and at the intersection of economy, ecology, learning, arts, science and culture and the gaps in between. We are a learning centre and action learning lab located on the River Dart.*

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