



Role: Weekend Science Communicator

Reporting to: Head of Programmes and Delivery
Location: Cambridge Science Park, Cambridge
Salary: £25,000 (pro rata, approx £96.15 per day)
Employment: Part-time
Start Date: September 2024
Applicants: Must be a minimum of 18-years old
Apply to: jobs@cambridgesciencecentre.org

Cambridge Science Centre (CSC) is looking for an enthusiastic person to join our team of Science Communicators. As a Weekend Science Communicator, you will be involved in the delivery of hands-on science, technology, engineering and maths activities to young people at our new, state-of-the-art science centre on the Cambridge Science Park. Weekend Science Communicators will work with CSC's full-time Science Communicators to make the Centre a friendly, accessible and safe place to visit.

This role is for weekend days. Working patterns are flexible and we encourage interested applicants to contact us to discuss working patterns that suit them. Expertise in STEM is not a requirement, and an engaging manner and interest in learning are more important. Training will be provided on STEM content and admin tasks.

Cambridge Science Centre

Cambridge Science Centre (CSC) envisions a future where every child – and, by extension, everyone – enjoys, explores, and shapes the world through science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM). We use hands-on, fun, and accurate engagements to support positive emotional relationships with STEM and the broader world. We work to be a part of the communities that we are serving by listening to their wants and needs and delivering STEM engagement in a manner that makes it accessible and effective.

CSC has moved to a new, state-of-the-art home on the iconic Cambridge Science Park. This new location allows us to draw on the world's leading STEM institutions and open them up to surrounding communities and visitors to support better education, future careers, and life opportunities.

Across our formats, we work with a variety of ages from 0 to 14 years old, with a focus on those in primary education (5-11 years old) and engage the adults in these young people's lives. We also work with the incredible array of STEM-related organisations in Cambridge and across the region to enhance our content via their input, guest appearances at our events and volunteering opportunities.

CSC is an independent educational charity (Registered Charity No. 1146349). Find out more at www.cambridgesciencecentre.org.

Duties:

- Provide a high-quality visitor experience to all audiences
- Explain the STEM behind the exhibits and present drop-in activities to their intended audiences in a lively, fun and engaging manner
- Responsibility for safe set-up and -down of equipment and running of the Centre in line with standard procedures and guidelines
- Support a positive team and organisation environment by being considerate and respectful to others
- Gather and provide feedback as required by our Evaluation programme
- Undertake administrative work related to the role, including but not limited to:
 - General reporting and action to ensure the equipment is maintained
 - General reporting and action to support the maintenance of quality and accuracy of content
 - Maintenance of a clean, tidy, and safe work areas
 - Partaking in training, and identifying training needs

Required Skills and Qualifications:

- Communication and presentation skills
- A passion for supporting young people and the adults in their lives
- An excitement for science, technology, engineering and maths
- Strong teamwork skills
- An advocate for accessibility
- Adapt to changing priorities and to respond quickly to requests
- Willing to learn new things
- Achieve a satisfactory enhanced DBS check

It would be advantageous if you can also bring the following to the role:

- Experience in science communications or of working with families, adults and children
- Level 2 (GCSE) or equivalent qualifications in a STEM subject

Details:

- Working hours are 9:30 am-5:30 pm (including a 30-minute unpaid lunch break)
- Bike and car parking are available on-site
- Additional days during the week may occasionally be available but are not guaranteed
- Applicants must be a minimum of 18-years old due to the supervisory and safeguarding responsibilities and requirements of CSC's work
- Training provided via online and in-person sessions and is included within paid time

Benefits include:

- 33 days annual leave (pro rata)
- Support with mental health in partnership with BetterHelp

Recruitment Process and Timeline:

Submit a letter explaining why you wish to join CSC as a weekend science communicator and how your experiences align with the role to jobs@cambridgesciencecentre.org.

For candidates invited to interview:

- The interview has two parts:
 - 1. A 5-minute presentation
 - 2. A discussion of the role
- The presentation is a 5-minute interactive talk on a STEM topic, either of your choice or provided by CSC.
- This presentation should be aimed at an audience of 7-11 years-old and will be followed by questions which should be answered as if to the target age group.
- You are welcome to bring props and/or slides for the presentation
- In-person and online interviews are available

Interviews will be held on a rolling basis

Start dates are from September 2024