



Yn Greinneyder Manx Language Development Officer – limited term appointment (natural discharge)

Culture Vannin is looking to make a limited term appointment to the role of Yn Greinneyder Manx Language Development Officer.

Yn Greinneyder works to develop opportunities, skills and resources relating to the Manx language. The ideal candidate will be a fluent speaker of Manx with experience of teaching in either a formal or informal capacity. The role requires the preparation and delivery of classes to adults as well as the preparation of resources for adult learners and speakers, so a good level of written Manx and competent desktop publishing are both essential. Our work is supported by an active social media presence, which should be maintained.

This is an exciting opportunity to work in partnership with the community to secure the future of our language and culture and to encourage greater recognition of their place within Manx identity, nationally and internationally.

The successful candidate will join a small but dedicated team within the cultural centre at St John's. A clean driving licence is required and Isle of Man Worker status is highly desirable.

Duties and key responsibilities for the appointment are detailed in the accompanying job description. Please contact the Director for further information and a sample weekly schedule.

The ideal candidate will hold a degree or equivalent professional qualification(s) and be able to demonstrate:

- an excellent command of Manx and English languages combined with a good understanding of social and traditional media
- the ability to use innovative approaches to communicate the key messages of the importance of Manx language and culture to all ages and backgrounds
- the ability to work well in a small team and independently, managing own budget and time
- an ability to contribute to the development of the cultural centre as part of the visitor economy and to support the general work of the organisation

Key duties and responsibilities – please refer to the job description for more detail

The Manx Language Development Officer Yn Greinneyder will be required to:

- develop and deliver adult language teaching and lead conversation groups
- prepare and produce a significant body of 'comprehensible input' for independent learners and speakers
- manage a modest annual budget and report to the board regularly
- complete projects that support the language community already in progress
- undertake other work associated with the above responsibilities and with the operation of the cultural centre as they arise and as directed.

The role is full-time (37.5 hours per week) and the appointment will be for a limited term, commencing once all pre-appointment checks are completed, and continuing until the substantive post holder returns to work after their period of special leave at which time it will automatically expire – it is anticipated that it will commence on 18 January and run until 30 August 2019.

The Manx Heritage Foundation trading as Culture Vannin is registered charity 333 in the Isle of Man. Its remit is wide-ranging and covers a broad interpretation of the culture of the Isle of Man and its people, delivered through development work as well as grant-giving. Culture Vannin believes that culture is key to an understanding of who we are as a people, informing the ways that we relate to each other within our communities and to how our image is projected internationally and in taking our culture forward. A rich cultural offering makes the Isle of Man a more attractive place to live; a vibrant and dynamic living culture shows how we as a nation choose to define our world. An exploration of the stories and images that shape a strong and inclusive sense of belonging is at the heart of the work of Culture Vannin.

Application process

Please apply in writing in English and Manx, outlining your suitability to the role, supplying a copy of your CV and relevant supporting documentation. Please include the following that you have designed for a Manx learner who has been attending classes for two years:

i) a lesson plan or work sheet ii) an example of comprehensible input in Manx and English.

We would prefer to receive your application electronically: enquiries@culturevannin.im but will also accept hard-copies addressed to: Director, Culture Vannin, Fairfield House, Main Road, St John's IM4 3NA. All enquiries should also be addressed to the Director.

The selection process will include an interview and presentation relating to the teaching of adults and the production of comprehensible input.

Deadline for applications: 10 December 2018