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Gloucestershire apprenticeships will boost outdoor careers

A UK educational charity committed to improving access to Outdoor Learning has created two new apprenticeship opportunities in Gloucestershire.

The Ernest Cook Trust, based in Fairford, is a landowning charity, which funds and delivers opportunities for Outdoor Learning to young people, families, and communities on its own estates and with partner estates across the country. Its charitable funding spend is some £3m per year.

Now, the Trust has created two new apprenticeships for Gloucestershire, as part of its commitment to provide opportunities for young people to have outdoor-based careers.

The first is for an Apprentice Conservation Ranger, working with the Trust's Estate Ranger, and gaining valuable knowledge and experience in conservation, land, and wildlife management on the Trust's Home Estates in the county.

The second is for an Apprentice Woodland Ranger, based at the Trust's Redwood Outdoor Learning Centre, Slimbridge, and the role is an opportunity to gain practical skills and knowledge in woodland management.

Ed Ikin, Chief Executive of The Ernest Cook Trust, said: "Our apprenticeships are helping us support the next generation of countryside workers, aligning with our values of progressive stewardship and cultivating connections within the community and the natural world."

The closing date for applications for both roles is on Friday June 28. For more information, visit <https://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/jobs/>.