JOB DESCRIPTION

**SCIENCE COMMUNICATOR (CASUAL)**

**SITE: W5 LIFE part of the Odyssey Group**

**LOCATION: Queen’s Quay, Belfast, BT3 9QQ**

**RESPONSIBLE TO: Learning & Engagement Lead**

**TERMS: Casual Post – 7.5 hours per week on a Saturday (with potential for additional hours on Sundays and over holiday periods)**

**DATE: October 2025**

**RATE OF PAY: £13.25 per hour**

**OVERALL PURPOSE OF THE JOB:**

W5 is the Odyssey Trust’s Interactive Science & Discovery Centre and we are looking for people with a passion for inspiring others to learn about the world around them. If you have a love of science, engineering, technology or maths and you are skilled at finding ways to excite others to discover new ideas, ask questions and be amazed, then this could be the job for you!

The dynamic role of Science Communicator is a varied and interesting one. The successful candidate will become a casual member of the Learning and Engagement team with responsibility for delivering interactive science demonstrations, science shows and a range of innovative hands-on programmes in W5 and in W5 LIFE, our dedicated learning centre. The post will be primarily required for Saturdays and will require both the enthusiasm and skills to ensure that all programmes provide audiences with the most inspiring science experience W5 can offer.

The Odyssey Trust group of companies is committed to the core ideology of BEET, Best Experience Every Time for customers, colleagues and stakeholders. These principles will be developed with all to support outstanding customer service. All colleagues are expected to commit to the core values shown below:

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| **Core Value** | **Our Behaviour** | **What it means for our Customers** |
| **Positivity** | Smile, can do, have fun | We will always be helpful, welcoming & enthusiastic |
| **Integrity** | Deliver on our promises | We will be trustworthy & respectful |
| **Commitment** | Go above & beyond  | We will go the extra mile |
| **Innovation** | Find new ways to be better | We will always learn & improve |
| **Teamwork** | Together we achieve more | We will work together to put you first |

**MAIN DUTIES**

* Providing highly engaging, articulate learning experiences that meet the core aims of W5 and W5 LIFE as centres for learning for the public and education system.
* Presenting public science and technology demonstrations, floor shows and seasonal events in W5 and W5 LIFE.
* Presenting to both large and small groups, school/community groups and general public audiences that will be held both on and off-site.
* Assisting the public to have an enjoyable and engaging visit by facilitating their interaction with and understanding of exhibits or hands-on activities.
* Staying up-to-date with new exhibits and programmes and the associated science content by carrying out background reading and attending training as identified.
* Working with the Visitor Services Team in supporting exhibition floor events, assisting with evacuations etc., and acting as a Fire Warden as required.
* Undertaking such training as may be deemed necessary e.g. Risk Assessment, Fire Evacuation/Warden training, First Aid training, Disability Awareness training.
* Supporting the delivery of outreach programmes throughout Ireland as required.
* Ensuring the cleanliness and orderliness of their designated areas.
* Adhering to Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) guidelines and risk assessments.

All OTC staff are expected to:

* Maintain excellent working relationships with other staff and volunteers.
* Ensure the delivery of BEET to all our customers and be committed to the Odyssey ethos and objectives.
* Be committed to and work in accordance with our Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Equality and other established policies and procedures.
* Be flexible undertake such other duties that may be required including working evenings, weekends and public holidays, if required.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

## Essential Criteria

* Educated to degree level or currently enrolled in University for a degree equivalent course.
* At least six months experience within the last two years of engaging with an audience. This could include, for example, small or large community groups, school groups, adult learning centres etc.
* A genuine and evidenced enthusiasm and interest for STEM related learning with a high level of commitment to Odyssey Trust and W5’s core values.
* Proficient in Microsoft Office and confident using digital tools.
* A confident but approachable presentation style with ability to present to large and small groups/ audiences, including children and adults.
* A proven ability to relate and respond sensitively to visitors from a variety of backgrounds and different science knowledge and awareness.
* Approachable, outgoing and imaginative and keen to be working with members of the public for extended periods.
* Previous experience of working as an integral part of a team
* Possess strong organisational skills, working accurately and without supervision.
* Ability to work under pressure and remain calm and professional in difficult situations.
* Willingness and ability to work flexible hours and travel as necessary.
* Appointment to this post will require an AccessNI check.