

The Loughs Agency is a statutory body charged with the responsibility for the conservation, protection and development of inland fisheries, aquaculture and the promotion and development of angling and marine tourism in the Foyle and Carlingford Areas.

**The Loughs Agency is seeking to appoint for the following post:**

**CATCHMENT OFFICER (CatchmentCARE Project) REF CO/CC/21  
Higher Scientific Officer (HSO) – Salary Scale: £32,328 to £33,459 per annum  
Temporary – 30th April 2023 (subject to funding)**

### **Purpose of the Role**

The Loughs Agency will be investigating the ecosystem / water quality issues on the River Finn in Co. Donegal and will be lead on the Work Package Implementing Catchment Actions across the three areas (Finn, Blackwater and Arney) following the Scoping Exercise led by Inland Fisheries Ireland. The post holder will be responsible for day to day running of the Loughs Agency elements of the Catchment CARE project. They will be expected to liaise with project partners in the standardisation of techniques across the three catchments and be responsible for the line management of the hydro morphologist who will be working on the delivery of instream and riparian works. The post holder will be required to identify a series of matched issues and locations within specified catchments where water quality measures could be put in place in order to improve the current status.

### **Essential Criteria**

**Applicants *must* demonstrate that they possess the following criteria by the closing date for applications:**

1. (A) An Honors Degree or equivalent in a relevant environmental area  
*and*  
(B) 2 years' experience of handling data and interpreting results.
2. Experience of working on projects in the environmental area (2 years)
3. Staff supervision
4. A proven ability in, and experience of managing resources.
5. A full and current driving licence that enables the holder to drive in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland (held for at least 2 years and no more than 6 penalty points).

### **Desirable Criteria**

**Some or all of the following criteria *MAY* be used in the event of a large number of suitably qualified applications:**

1. Post-graduate environmentally based Masters Degree or PhD.
2. Experience of working with water chemistry analysis (6 months in last 5 years).
3. Experience of using macro-invertebrates as indicators in the environmental area (6 months in last 5 years).
4. Experience of instream / riparian works (6 months in last 5 years).
5. Experience of dealing with stakeholders.

Application forms and further details of the duties and qualifications for the post are downloadable at <http://www.loughs-agency.org/careers/> or by contacting:-

**The Human Resources Officer, Loughs Agency, 22 Victoria Road,  
Derry~Londonderry, BT47 2AB.  
Telephone (028) 71 342100  
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Email [careers@loughs-agency.org](mailto:careers@loughs-agency.org)**

Completed application forms must be returned to arrive **not later than 1pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021**. The Agency reserves the right to interview only those candidates who from their application, appear to be the most suitable.

**Loughs Agency is committed to equality of opportunity and welcomes applications from suitably qualified people irrespective of religious belief, gender, disability, race, political opinion, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or whether or not they have dependants. [www.loughs-agency.org](http://www.loughs-agency.org)**