

# WOW



Appointment of

# Partnerships and Funding Manager



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## Foreword from the Chief Executive

# Thank you.

Thank you for your interest in joining our team. It's a big decision to apply for a new role, to leave an existing job and to take the plunge to join a new organisation. There are so many unknowns when taking on a new job. What will my new boss be like? What is the organisation's culture like? If I need to take a day off will I be allowed? Can I work from home? Will there be regular cake in the office or staff room? Hopefully this document will answer some of those questions and demystify what working for our Charity is like.

Getting across the workplace culture of an organisation in a job advert or a job description is really hard, but if I had to sum up our workplace culture in one word I would choose – family. I often describe us as a family employer. We understand the pressures and needs of family life and especially after such troubling times. Our charity recognises that home life comes first and the Senior Management team and I are keen to reassure and encourage our colleagues to manage their work-life balance.

And then there's the work family. Everyone here knows their colleagues have got their backs. I am incredibly proud of our work family. Recent experiences have only cemented my belief that every member of the team here is looking out for their colleagues, wanting to help and going over and above to achieve this.



We are at an exciting point in the history of this charity. We are recovering from the pandemic, finding ourselves in a stable and secure financial position with a clear vision and mission to deliver upon and working together to make a difference to the world. We are looking for candidates that want come and not just work here, but to join our work family, help us to be impactful and contribute to better, more sustainable, happier, healthier lives through STEM.

Thank you again for your interest in the role. If you feel you share our family values and want to make a difference then I urge you to apply. We are incredibly motivated to make sure our staff represent the diverse audiences that we serve, so please do read the section on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. If you have any questions, or would like an informal chat with me or one of the Senior Management team before you apply, please do speak to Laura.

Looking forward to meeting you,

Ron Ward,



*PS. There regularly are amazing cakes in the office and staff room often baked by either Jennie or Lizi. If you're really lucky Mark will bring in his delicious brownies. They're really not good for the waistline but they taste so good!*

# About the charity

The pandemic has emphasised our strengths and our weaknesses; as a charity, a society, a nation and a global community. In the UK alone, it has drawn attention to the depth and breadth of inequality that exists based on our geography, race, ethnicity, age, health, wealth and education. It has also demonstrated the critically important role science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) has played in overcoming such a crisis; to understand the virus, to forecast and measure its impact, to develop vaccines, to innovate, manufacture and distribute life-saving equipment, the list goes on.

It is not only the scientists and engineers who have to step up. We all do. Science literacy is an enabler and empowers us all to make informed choices. Our Charity is on a mission to inspire every child in science; because all our futures depend on it.

Winchester Science Centre has been sparking children's curiosity in STEM since it was founded in 1986.

We strive to remove social, cultural and intellectual barriers to inspire and engage all children in STEM, particularly those with a disability or impairment, so that we might raise children's aspirations and confidence, promote diversity and inclusion, and overcome inequality.



By sparking and harnessing children's curiosity in STEM, and by removing barriers to engagement, we believe children can develop the confidence, ambition and freedom to improve their own lives, the lives of others and ultimately life on Earth through STEM.

As experts in communicating STEM to children and families, we create 'WOW!' experiences that are fun, inclusive, immersive, interactive and accessible. Reaching out to children in innovative ways through our Science Centre, in schools, in communities and online, and through connecting and collaborating with Universities and industries.

We are resolute that our Charity has an important role to play in empowering future generations to lead the charge for change, to live healthier and more sustainable lives and to find the solutions to tackle the world's biggest challenges.

The pandemic threatened to derail all our plans; but it hasn't. Well-defined strategy, strong leadership, robust financial management and working together means we are now ready and eager to embark on the next critical phase of our Charity's development.

Find out more about our Charity's strategy, governance and achievements over the past year by [downloading a copy of our latest annual report.](#)

# Strategy

Our vision

**SPARKING**  
CURIOSITY

Our mission

**To build science capital for all**

Our values

Quality

Together

Mission

Customers

Sustainability

Strategic objectives

Work collaboratively with new under-served communities removing barriers to engagement particularly for those living with a disability or impairment

Amazing people delivering awe inspiring STEM experiences for all

Use STEM to champion change to protect and heal our planet and inspire others to do the same

Diversification, sustainability and growth.



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# Equality, diversity and inclusion

Our charity is committed to breaking down barriers to STEM and wants to help everyone regardless of age, background, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, race, religion or belief, disability, impairment or any other protected characteristic to be in STEM.

Equality and inclusion are at the heart of everything we do. We want to create a truly diverse and inclusive workplace. If you are disabled and have the essential skills and experience to do the job, we will invite you to an interview.

We recognise that through diversity our Charity can grow and we are committed to providing an inclusive recruitment process to support this. We want to work with a great team, with people who share our values and can make a huge contribution to sparking curiosity. We believe the team must reflect the diverse communities we work with so to support this, we are very willing to facilitate flexible working, changes to the infrastructure, systems and processes in order to welcome the most diverse candidates possible.

If you wish to have a conversation about accessibility, the role or the application process please do get in touch with Laura (see last page for contact details).





# Organisational structure



# Partnerships and Funding Manager

## Role purpose

The Partnerships and Funding Manager will be an experienced Trusts & Foundations or Corporate Fundraiser. They will play a lead role in delivering £1million+ annual income targets through established income streams in order to support the organisation's strategic plan. Essential skills are the ability to assimilate complex information and conduct systematic research, write compelling funding proposals, deliver high-level pitches and cultivate and manage senior external stakeholder relationships.

The Charity has several exciting and ambitious capital projects within its strategic plan, alongside annual, charitably-funded activities. The Fundraising Team will play a key role in enabling the Charity to achieve these projects. The Partnerships and Funding Manager will manage a mixed portfolio of T&F, corporate and university relationships, as directed by the Director of Fundraising and determined by the fundraising strategy, achieving five and six figure gifts.

As part of a small team, this is an exciting opportunity for an experienced fundraiser to take a step up and gain further experience. They will be working with both internal and external senior stakeholders and be responsible for delivering circa 1/3rd of the overall, annual income target in order that the Charity can achieve its strategic goals.



# Key responsibilities

- To support the Charity to achieve its strategic vision and mission through generating fundraising income required to deliver the core activity and development
- To work across the organisation, attend internal project meetings, sector events and conduct desk-based research in order to develop compelling cases for support
- To work with the Director of Fundraising to research, develop and manage a funding pipeline alongside a project options list
- To manage a portfolio of T&Fs, corporate partners and universities, developing and implementing bespoke cultivation and stewardship plans, identifying senior Relationship Managers and preparing briefing notes as appropriate
- To work with the Fundraising and/or Senior Management Team, researching, writing and, where appropriate, submitting funding proposals
- To support the Director of Fundraising to develop and implement stakeholder engagement plans
- To work with others across the organisation to ensure that projects are evaluated in order to produce project and impact reports
- To maintain accurate stakeholder records through the organisation's CRM, ThankQ
- To work with the Director of Marketing and Communications and the Director of Fundraising, to support the delivery of the fundraising communications plan, including preparing case studies and helping to deliver events
- To answer the main incoming telephone
- To assist with general office administration as required



## Role specifics

### Partnerships and Funding Manager

£35,000 per annum (FTE)

**Hours** Flexible working arrangements

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**Annual leave** 25 days plus bank holidays (pro rata). Option to buy up an additional five days and gain additional days for continuous service after four years. Please note, the post holder is expected to work some bank and public holidays

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**Line manager** Director of Fundraising

**Contract** Permanent. Full or part time



# Role specifics

## Benefits include:

- Opt-in cash back health scheme and employee assistance wellbeing helpline
- Cycle to Work Scheme
- Contributory pension
- Annual leave entitlement with the option to buy up to five days additional annual leave
- Annual inflationary pay rise (subject to charity performance)
- Flexible friendly working environment
- Paid for training and development opportunities by arrangement
- Working from home opportunity by arrangement
- Discounts in on-site café and shop
- Free entry for family and friends
- Rural location with beautiful views of the South Downs with immediate access for lunchtime strolls
- Flexible IT provided to support office and remote working
- Uniform supplied
- Free on-site parking
- Sick pay and maternity pay



# Application Process

If you feel like you're the right person for the role, we'd love to hear from you and receive your application.

Please complete the editable PDF application form and send it, together with a cover letter, by email to [lauraollis@winchestersciencecentre.org](mailto:lauraollis@winchestersciencecentre.org). We will try to confirm receipt of every application and we'll individually review your application as soon as possible.

If you need any information in a different format or would like to apply in an alternative way, please get in touch. Contact Laura using the address above, or to speak to Laura in person please call the office on 01962 863 791 to book a call back.

Have we caught your eye, but you're still a little unsure? We welcome an informal discussion even if you are only considering applying for the role. Please do get in touch with Laura to arrange a brief informal and relaxed call with the CEO or one of the Senior Management Team.

## What's next?

If you're successful in being shortlisted based on your application, we will arrange a time for you to swing by for a chat so we can get to know you better, and for you to get to know the WSC family for yourself.

We know interviews can be quite daunting but we're not here to catch you out - we just want to know what makes you brilliant, why you should be part of our growing family, and how you can support our charitable aims to make a difference. We can't wait to meet you!

