

Junior Coordinator, Desi Oon Initiative

Centre for Pastoralism (CfP) is looking for a Junior Coordinator for its Desi Oon Initiative. The programme is structured around the use of indigenous wool in textiles, experimental work in using wool in building insulation and packaging solutions, and in establishing robust supply chains for indigenous wool. The Desi Oon Initiative looks to collaborate with organisations across India in an attempt to revive the indigenous wool economy. Our work is focused largely in the Himalayas, the semi-arid West and the Deccan Plateau.

The Junior coordinator is expected to -

- Coordinate CfP's work with partners on indigenous wool;
- Help in the conceptualising of the programme with partners to develop strategic directions, appropriate technologies, design innovations and action plans;
- Coordinate with Desi Oon Hub partners and manage logistics to execute events, exhibitions and action plans;
- o Ensure regular follow-ups with partners;
- Understand and assess the technical aspects of the fibre and associated processes of shearing, cleaning, scouring, grading, carding, softening, felting, etc.
- Identify partners and establish partnerships with government and private wool and fibre research institutes and CSO's for pilot initiatives to undertake R&D with the fibre and develop technologies for processing solutions;
- Organise collaborative learning events and associated coordination/logistics;
- Help to identify and coordinate opportunities for advocacy and promotion of indigenous wool and its products, including local and international market opportunities;
- Coordinate communications work related to the wool programme including desi oon events and exhibitions, branding, etc;
- Work closely with the Desi Oon team in CfP, and the larger Desi Oon network.

Desired experience and qualifications:

• At least 2-3 years of proven experience working with communities/civil society organisations/ design firms or relevant organisations;

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- Experience or interest in working with materials or natural fibres;
- Interest in working with Desi Oon, understanding its technicalities, possibilities and developing the technical processes associated with it;
- Interest in or an understanding of ecological perspective;
- Experience in coordinating projects/programmes;
- Artistic and scientific temperament;
- Good written and spoken communication skills in English and Hindi;
- Good managerial skills, an ability to multitask and work long hours during events;
- An ability to work in a collaborative environment with multiple stakeholders including members of civil society organisations, academic institutions, government bodies, shepherd and artisan communities.

Educational Qualifications

Graduate/Post Graduate in textile technology, textile engineering, materials, product design or any relevant degree

Location

This is a full time position <u>for a minimum of two years</u> based in Delhi, with periodic travel to field locations.

Remuneration is based on qualifications and experience.

To apply - Kindly write to us at <u>riva@centreforpastoralism.org</u> with your CV, a cover letter and contacts for two references; Subject title: Application for Junior Desi Oon Coordinator.

Start date - As soon as possible; CfP is an equal opportunity employer.

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