

Developer Advocate Job Specification

Are you passionate about web technologies and the Internet?

Do you want to work on some exciting, world-class projects?

Improve your programming skills and become a professional full-stack developer?

Do you want to use your skills and enthusiasm to help people and make the Internet a better place for future generations?

Who are we and what is the role?

SWGfL is a charitable trust whose mission is to ensure everyone can benefit from technology free from harm. As a key partner in the UK Safer Internet Centre, our world - leading experts advise schools, public bodies and industry on safeguarding strategies and interventions.

We have a unique opportunity for the right candidate to join our specialised team to help support our nationally and internationally important work. We work with a wide range of stakeholders such as schools, councils, social media companies, and governments to help make the Internet and technology safer for young people to flourish.

Why South West Grid for Learning?

South West Grid for Learning offers a flexible, autonomous and inspired working environment, in a team that is at the forefront of its sector. The charity encourages staff to grow, develop and take their roles down a path that excites and motivates; an opportunity to make the role their own. Our staff are at the heart of our success and are valued. , We support our employees to reach their full potential in their roles and beyond.

As a key player in its field, you'd be joining our team at a pivotal point in our history; expanding our experience and offering our expertise in online safety to a global landscape.

Our offices are based in beautiful Devon on a modern business park with open aspects and excellent facilities within easy commuting reach.

What does the role entail?

You will be supporting the Webteam in developing and maintaining our estate of tools and websites, including:

- Writing/managing content
- Crafting beautiful, semantic HTML
- Writing efficient SCSS/CSS
- Creating lightweight Javascript in ES6/ES7
- Maintaining PHP code
- Developing PHP applications
- Leveraging MySQL databases
- Using build and management tools such as Git, NPM, Grunt/Gulp
- Setting up and using Google Tag Manager/Google Analytics
- Analysing site pages to improve user journeys and SEO
- Configuring and improving site performance
- Server management
- Architecting new systems
- Working with graphics files and Word/Excel/PDF/SVG documents
- Managing Content
- Responding to client requests

What will I learn if my application is successful?

The successful candidate will be supported by the Webteam to become exceptional in planning, creating, deploying, and maintaining lightweight innovative web platforms that are a joy to use and have a real world impact.

We will support your learning journey to become proficient in all the skills necessary and along the way you will be encouraged to expand your experience and improve other skillsets such as:

- Time management and working to deadlines
- Self management
- Communicating and collaborating with the wider team
- Engaging with external clients & partners

What skills will I need to showcase for the role?

Everyone has different skills and experience, the right candidate has to be able to demonstrate that they have some technical skills, and are eager to learn, work, and progress.

These are the sort of skills and experience we will be looking for:

- Familiarity with HTML/CSS/Javascript, confidence to understand and produce code, 1 - 2 years experience of building basic websites desired
- Experience of building sites or apps in PHP, 1 - 2 years desired
- Some experience of build tools such as Git/NPM/Grunt/Gulp
- Great communications skills
- Positive, can-do attitude
- Attention to detail, tenacity to make sure your work is top quality

What other skills will help my application?

Any experience with the technologies that the successful candidate will be using to fulfill the role will be welcomed. Just as important however is your enthusiasm and potential to improve and fit in with our friendly and supportive team.

This is a unique role, for a unique organisation, and requires a unique person. We want to invest in the successful candidate to help them achieve their goals, and at the same time help us achieve ours.

Company Benefits

- Ongoing support and training
- Substantial Leave Allowance progressing to 25 days in second year of service and 30 in third year of service, plus bank holidays
- Pension with generous contributions from SWGfL
- Medical Healthcare benefits including dental, optical, chiropody and therapy treatments including physiotherapy, plus many more Health and Wellbeing services.
- Online Employee discount platform; saving you money on everything from groceries to holidays, fashion and electronics.
- Enhanced employee and family friendly benefits and policies
- Annual flu jab, voluntarily available for all staff.
- Cycle to Work and Green Initiative help to buy schemes
- Prospects of career progression