

## A BRIEF OF HISTORY

Shaaron Leverment and Ben Brown established Explorer Dome way back in 1998 to tour schools and colleges across the South West. We have written a series of lively, interactive science shows which take place inside our portable, inflatable Starlab planetarium.



Bristol Museum : Shaaron, Ben & Dome

Our shows aim to engage and inspire children of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. We are affordable for all schools and therefore travel to a wide variety, from rural village primaries to large city comprehensives. We also travel abroad on occasions. About 600,000 children from schools, youth groups, science fairs and festivals have experienced Explorer Dome since we began, and demand is continuing to grow. We are also involved in teacher training, family learning, ongoing education and adult groups. We have a reputation for professional, high quality, scientifically accurate, enthusiastic and enjoyable presentations.

**We are looking for new looking for new presenters to join our team.**



London Science Museum : 2 domes, 5 presenters



Primary school : Rockets

# JOB DESCRIPTION

If you think you would enjoy travelling to different parts of the country to present science to children in an unusual and exciting way, this position is great fun and very rewarding.

The successful applicant should be a self-motivated individual, passionate about education and science communication. You need excellent communication skills, good organisational skills and the ability to think on your feet in a live presentation. You must be approachable for children and show a genuine interest in your subject matter. You will become an integral part of Explorer Dome, working closely with the other members of the team and we are sure that you will thoroughly enjoy your work.

The main aspects of the job are:

- **Presenting the shows** – these last 40-50 minutes, are aimed at a range of ages from Infants to A-Level, and cover a wide variety of subjects including Space, Light, Sound, Human Body, Creation, Forces and Planet Earth. We also have a series of chemistry based lectures. We provide a basic script and you will rehearse with other presenters, but the shows are not scripted word for word and you are encouraged to develop your own wording and presentation style.
- **Setting up, operating and caring for the planetarium and other equipment**
- **Awareness of the needs of pupils and teachers.** Ensuring that each visit runs smoothly and is to the school's satisfaction – maintaining excellent customer service.
- **Developing and adapting the shows.** The shows are scripted so you will need to learn the scripts, but they are also constantly evolving and adapting. Ongoing training and CPD is an important part of what we do and presenters' creative input is vital in maintaining show quality and keeping things fresh. Brainstorming meetings and socials litter the calendar and provide the opportunity for writing new shows and expanding the business.

A typical day involves travelling to school to arrive for a cuppa and to set up the inflatable dome from 8am. You always work in a team of 2 - this improves interaction with the children, maintains pace in the shows and makes the working day more enjoyable. A day's work ranges from 2 to 7 shows. For this reason, you may be home by 12.30pm or still be in school at 4.00pm. Very occasionally, we may travel between two local schools in one day.

Bear in mind that a school can be anything from 5 minutes to 2 hours drive from Bristol, so you must be energetic enough to deal with early starts! We frequently spend part of the week touring schools further a-field, visiting Devon, Cornwall or Pembrokeshire. These are beautiful parts of the country and we provide a moderate budget for overnight accommodation and expenses.

Explorer Dome presenters work on a freelance basis as self-employed science communicators. We work 2 to 3 days a week by arrangement and depending on your availability.

After the couple of weeks of training at £50 per day, payment then starts at £65 per day. After sufficient training and competence with the first show, this goes up to £70. Subsequently your pay will rise to £75 (and so on). If you have a particularly early start or long day, more than 5 shows, a stay-over or travel to 2 schools on the same day your day rate is more.

Any queries get in touch!

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