TE WHARE PŪTAIAO
HOUSE OF SCIENCE

Position Description

SCIENCE ADVISOR

About House of Science

House of Science empowers teachers to deliver engaging, knowledge-rich science and pūtaiao learning through hands-on resource kits and comprehensive teacher support. Our vision is for every child in New Zealand to be scientifically literate.

Reports To: Regional Manager
Direct Reports: None
Location: Regional Centre (various locations across 10 regions)

Role Purpose

Provide professional learning and support to teachers using House of Science kits, helping build teacher confidence and capability in delivering engaging science and pūtaiao lessons aligned to NZC and/or TMoA.

Key Responsibilities

Professional Learning & Support

- Support school onboarding and induction for teachers new to House of Science
- Support teachers with kit usage and curriculum alignment
- Promote and facilitate access to webinars developed by the Resource Design team
- Deliver in-person and online professional learning workshops to teachers in assigned region
- Respond to teacher inquiries

Teacher Capability Building

- Gather teacher feedback on kits and professional learning needs

- Collaborate with Resource Design team on Teacher Support Package development
- Develop relationships with local schools and education networks
- Contribute to online professional learning content and resources

Regional Engagement

- Work to increase the number of schools accessing House of Science
- Represent House of Science at regional science events
- Work as part of a connected community of practice with other Science Advisors nationally
- Share best practice and insights with wider House of Science team

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Key Accountabilities

- Teacher satisfaction with professional learning support
- Number of workshops/webinars delivered
- Teacher engagement and attendance at PLD events
- Quality of teacher support and responsiveness
- Teacher feedback and insights shared with wider team
- Number of schools accessing kits
- Professional development of own practice

Key Skills & Attributes

- Strong science content knowledge and understanding of NZC/TMoA
- Excellent presentation and facilitation skills with adult learners
- Confident communicator (written and verbal)
- Understanding of primary/intermediate teaching practice
- Culturally responsive and inclusive approach
- Self-motivated with ability to work independently across multiple schools
- Passionate about science education and teacher empowerment

Desirable:

- Teaching qualification and/or classroom teaching experience
- Te reo Māori proficiency
- Full, clean NZ driver's licence