



aileen shackell  
landscape design

## Year-Out Landscape Architect

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**Location:** Bridport, Dorset

**Deadline:** 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**Type:** Full time (with possibility of flexible working)

**Interviews:** w/c 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015

### About us:

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Aileen Shackell Landscape Design (ASLD) is a small practice based in Bridport - one of Dorset's most attractive and vibrant market towns, located in the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, just one mile from the coast, and roughly equidistant from the nearest towns of Yeovil, Taunton and Exeter. The practice was set up in 2007 and Director Aileen began by operating as a sole practitioner but with a rapidly growing work-stream the practice now requires some full-time assistance, which would be supported by part time freelancers as and when required. We share a friendly office space with design agency **Seachange**, as well as two other small consultancies, an architect (**Niall Jacobson Architects**) and sustainability consultant (**Fabrik Consultants**).

Our clients at the moment include Sovereign Housing Association and East End Homes, Christchurch Borough Council, and a number of local architects. We are increasingly involved in the preparation of informal Landscape and Visual Impact Appraisals and we have a reputation nationally for our work on play design (as authors of *Design for play: a guide to creating successful play spaces*).

### About the role:

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A nine to twelve month fixed term position, (depending on start and completion dates), with salary, for a student who has partially completed a course of study in Landscape Architecture. The salary is likely to be in the region of £17,000 - £18,000, depending on qualifications and experience.

The position is a combination of the provision of junior technical and administrative support for Director Aileen Shackell, helping with the development of a growing business, and assistance in designing and overseeing the implementation of a range of projects. As a small practice we can offer a wider range of tasks than would be the

case in a larger organisation, and for the right candidate, a typical day could encompass anything from preparing sketch designs and costings for housing estate improvements through to helping unravel the mysteries of the 1830s woodland pleasure grounds we are working on at Highcliffe Castle, Christchurch, or even helping update the practice website.

The Year Out Landscape Architect will learn about the projects undertaken at ASLD, our clients and approach to work, while providing junior level input on a variety of aspects of technical work. They will have the opportunity to work closely alongside Director Aileen Shackell and occasionally our freelance landscape architects too. As our design work tends to be at the smaller end of the scale, many of our schemes have a quick turnaround, so an applicant could well see their own designs implemented on site.

## About you:

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You will be studying towards a qualification in the field of Landscape Architecture and committed to pursuing a career in this field.

You should be a sensitive, creative designer. Proficient use of AutoCAD is **essential** and experience of Illustrator or SketchUp would be an advantage. Strong freehand and computer graphic skills would be useful too.

Candidates must have an organised and efficient approach to completing work and have the initiative, self-confidence, and motivation, to work independently, either out on site, or in the office, as required.

Excellent oral and written communication skills are essential. The ability to drive (and access to own vehicle) would be useful, given our rural location.

For further details about ASLD please visit our website [www.asa-landscape.com](http://www.asa-landscape.com)

To apply please email your CV and a covering letter, with samples of freehand and AutoCAD work, (maximum of 10 pages in a **single** pdf of up to 10 Mb) **to Aileen Shackell** at [info@asa-landscape.com](mailto:info@asa-landscape.com) Please call Aileen on **07833 247 771** with any queries.

ASLD is an equal opportunities employer.

**Closing date for applications: Tuesday 30th June 2014.** Interviews will be held in the week commencing **13th July 2015**. Potential applicants are welcome to call in for a visit / chat before the closing date, if they are in the area.