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At the Microbiology Society we are seeking a highly motivated, imaginative and collaborative new colleague with the vision and exceptional communication skills to help grow our impact across our policy, engagement and communications activities.

Microbes are everywhere. Invisible life forms are in us and on us, in our food, in the air, soil and water, and they are inside and on the surfaces of our homes, workplaces and everywhere else. Now, more than ever, the science of microbiology is crucial to addressing major global challenges such as climate change, food security, population health, industrial development and environmental sustainability.

The Head of Engagement and Storytelling will develop activities and initiatives which showcase the astonishing wonder of microbes, the transformative power of microbiology and the essential contribution of microbiologists. This will include growing membership engagement, managing ambitious projects and developing content across communications channels.

We have enthusiastic trustees, an expert membership and energetic staff driving the effective implementation of our strategy, which amplifies the voices of scientists who study microbes, whoever they are and wherever they are. If you want to help us to make very big changes in the world by applying knowledge of very small life forms, we want to hear from you.

The closing date for this role is 25 September 2026, however we will be reviewing applications on a rolling basis until this date and therefore welcome early applications. We are not looking for someone who ticks every box within the job description, we are looking for someone passionate about working with us at the Society.

We are excited about what the future brings for our organisation and would greatly value the chance to talk to you about this role if you have any questions. In the first instance, please contact the Chief Communications Officer, Charlotte Mitchell at c.mitchell@microbiologysociety.org to talk about this opportunity.

Thank you for your interest and I very much look forward to hearing from you.

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Dr Peter Cotgreave, Chief Executive