

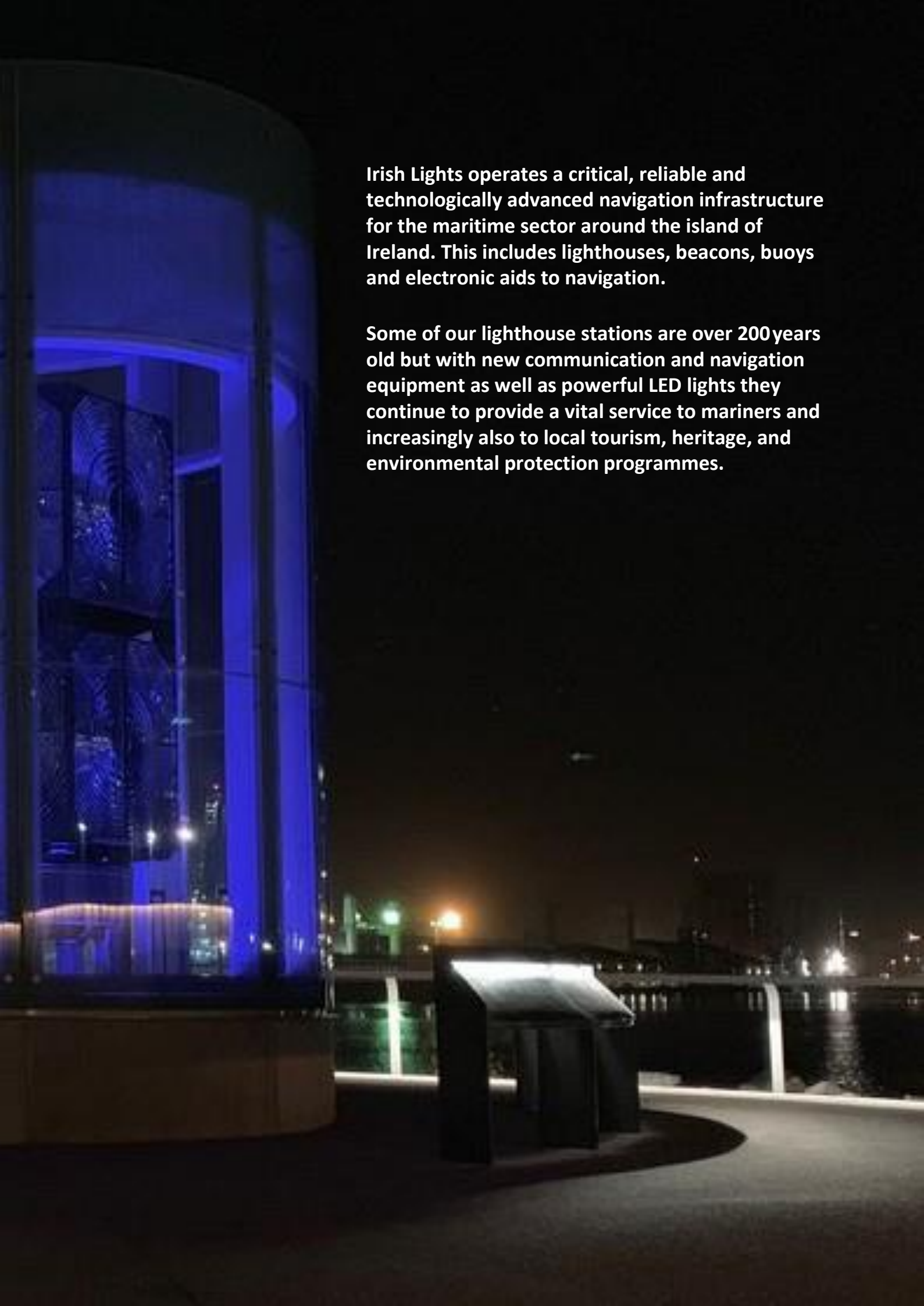
CANDIDATE BRIEFING PACK

OPERATIONS OFFICER ILV GRANUAILE



Closing date for applications is 21 April 2024

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Irish Lights operates a critical, reliable and technologically advanced navigation infrastructure for the maritime sector around the island of Ireland. This includes lighthouses, beacons, buoys and electronic aids to navigation.

Some of our lighthouse stations are over 200 years old but with new communication and navigation equipment as well as powerful LED lights they continue to provide a vital service to mariners and increasingly also to local tourism, heritage, and environmental protection programmes.



Irish Lights Remit

The mission of Irish Lights is Safe Navigation at Sea. We are a maritime organisation delivering essential 24/7 safety and navigation services around the coast of Ireland (North and South), 365 days a year. Our vision is to protect lives, property, trade and the environment by delivering next generation maritime services at the interface of navigation technology, engineering and data management. Playing a lead role in maritime safety, Irish Lights operates a 24-hour emergency response function.

Irish Lights is responsible for Maritime Aids to Navigation under the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention. This remit includes the provision and maintenance of over 340 general aids to navigation, the superintendence of approx. 3,500 local aids to navigation, and marking or removing dangerous wrecks outside harbour areas around Ireland.

Irish Lights also provides a range of navigation and contract commercial services including ship charter, buoy and maritime data. We provide value added services to support the development of the broader maritime economy including Met and Coastal Data Services. The Irish Lights tourism and heritage initiative, 'Great Lighthouses of Ireland' was developed in partnership with local communities and offers visitors from home and abroad the chance to visit or stay in a working lighthouse.

Mission Statement

Safe Navigation at Sea: To be a leading and innovative provider of reliable, efficient and cost-effective navigation and maritime services for the safety of all.

Values

Irish Lights' strategy will be delivered by holding true to the values of the organisation. Our Values set the foundation for our interactions with our stakeholders, customers, suppliers, and the community. These values, which are the cornerstone for the success of the organisation, are as follows:

- Professionalism
- Respect
- Trust
- Quality
- Innovation
- Collaboration

Strategic Direction

Irish Lights strategy “*Safe Seas - Connected Coasts*” is available on our [website](#).

The strategy recognises the exciting and challenging trends in the maritime sector at national and international level. It places a strong emphasis on positioning Irish Lights to play a leadership role in the delivery of next generation navigation and safety services, enabled by innovation and technology. We have accordingly set ourselves six ambitious outcomes that we want to deliver over the period 2018 -2024. These outcomes reflect the modern role of Irish Lights delivering navigation, safety and allied maritime services and supporting the growth of the maritime economy.

(1) For the Safety of All

Irish Lights is focused on the delivery of proactive, reliable, and value-for-money services for all stakeholders and customers. We are proud to provide a depth and breadth of expertise at the interface of navigation, engineering, technology, and data management. We are committed to delivering on our role as a member of the value chain of maritime safety services on the island of Ireland and our relationship with Trinity House and Northern Lighthouse Board ensures that these services are delivered in a consistent manner with the UK.

(2) International Maritime Leadership

The nature of AtoN services is that they must be internationally standardised to serve a global industry. Technology development and convergence requires that over the period of this strategy Irish Lights exercises a far broader international influence than was necessary in the past. We will do this by achieving early influence with international bodies such as the International Association of Marine

Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA), International Maritime Organisation (IMO), International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) and International Telecommunication Union (ITU) over policy, regulation and standards that impact on navigation safety and through sharing information, expertise and resources to the benefit of all parties.

(3) Technological Innovation

Across the maritime sector there is recognition of the increasing pace of technological development and the role new technology can play to improve safety and performance. Irish Lights will continue to lead on the adoption of new technology that delivers safety and economic benefits for the maritime sector. We will support the trial and implementation of advanced engineering, communications and data technologies and engage in ongoing consultations with regulators, providers, and users as appropriate. We will ensure user input into the selection and development of emerging technology solutions.

(4) Collaboration and Partnership

Irish Lights works closely with a matrix of local, national, and international partners who collaborate with us to enable us to deliver a diverse suite of services. Essential to our success is our relationships with key marine agencies and local authorities around the coast of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Over the period of this strategy, we will strengthen our existing partnerships to support the delivery of key services and where necessary form new partnerships for added value and commercial service delivery.

(5) Delivery of Added Value

Delivery of our core services requires investment in infrastructure and expertise which can be utilised to provide added value. Over the period of this strategy, we will seek to strengthen the wider contribution that Irish Lights makes by targeting our expertise, asset base and proven technological capabilities to deliver maximum value and public good services in the interests of our stakeholders, coastal communities and the wider economy.

(6) Safeguarding the past – Positioning for the Future

While our focus in this strategy is very much on the future, we have confidence that in facing this future we are building on the ingenuity and resilience of the people who worked in Irish Lights over the generations. Moreover, we have in our stewardship a tangible legacy of the past in the unique set of heritage assets which we own, and these have significant value and potential in the development of tourism, education, research and community-based initiatives. Over the period of this strategy, we will continue to build on the international success of our ‘all island’ tourism initiative, Great Lighthouses of Ireland and we will work with third parties to protect, develop, and promote our unique archive and heritage assets for the benefit of the Irish public.

As the strategy unfolds, we will work closely with all stakeholders to meet their evolving needs and to achieve our vision.

Operations Officer *ILV Granuaile*



About ILV Granuaile

ILV Granuaile is a multifunctional vessel which primarily operates in the waters around the coast of the Island of Ireland. Its primary function is to place and service offshore buoys, which warn mariners of the location of sand banks, reefs and other offshore hazards near shipping routes. The vessel also serves as a helicopter platform for servicing offshore lighthouses and is available to assist State agencies with search and rescue, emergency towing, oil pollution control, surveying and offshore data collection. Primary duties involve maintenance of Aids to Navigation. Over the ship's 22 years in operation, she has successfully completed a wide range of offshore contracts including subsea operations.

Overview of Role

The Operations Officer keeps navigational watches and provides support to the Master and Senior Operations Officer in all aspects of the ship's administration and operational tasking. As well as undertaking these duties, the role involves maintaining Aids to Navigation including Lighthouses, and Buoys and surveying the Irish Coast utilising the latest surveying technology.

Main duties and responsibilities of the role include:

- Holds a navigation watch or bridge watch when required
- Inspection and maintenance of ship's FFA and LSA equipment
- Ship's administration of Safety Management, Operational and Crewing systems
- Taking part in fire-fighting exercises and drills and capable of being part of the fire-fighting team as required. Including donning fire suit and breathing apparatus.
- Assisting the SOO (Chief Officer) with buoy lighthouse and commercial operations as required
- Contributing to promotional activities e.g. creating public awareness of the work of the ship and Irish Lights
- Delivering on objectives agreed in the Performance and Development System (PADS)

Qualifications, Experience and Required skills

Essential Qualifications (All in Date)

- Minimum valid STCW II/2 certification (Chief Mate) and all associated STCW short courses.
- Relevant Medical Certificate (in date)

Essential Requirements/Experience/Skills

- Good Seamanship and Navigation Skills.
- Marlin test achieved of at least 90%. (If English not first language).
- A working knowledge of statute and regulations
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability to communicate at all levels
- Demonstrating ownership of tasks and responsibilities
- Strong communication and teamwork skills
- Ability to carry out tasks efficiently.
- Good computer skills
- Full clean driving licence



Further Considered Qualifications/Experience/Skills (Desired)

- Previous experience on specialised vessels such as Aids to Navigation, Offshore or Naval vessels is a distinct advantage.
- While an ENG11 is the minimum essential qualification, the role requires a good level of physical fitness and experience of working at heights is desirable.
- Experience working on Irish and UK coast.
- Experience with buoy/rig moorings, work boats and crane operations at sea
- Experience of ship to shore personnel and equipment transfer
- Experience working with commercial contractors in marine environment.
- Valid DP certification
- Helicopter related courses.
- A knowledge of the roles and service the Lighthouse Authorities provide.
- Proficient with Ships Navigational Aids.
- An understanding of Hydrography and Hydrographic surveying.

Salary

An annual salary of €53,846 - €64,272 (8 points) with very generous pension benefits are attached to this role.

Irish Lights is based in the Republic of Ireland and is subject to taxation and legislation in the jurisdiction.

Hours of Work

The successful candidate will join one of two crews who operate a 4 week on/off roster on board the ILV Granuaile.

Travel and Subsistence

Travel and subsistence expenses are paid to employees required to travel, in accordance with approved rates.

Please note that travel expenses for employees are only paid within the island of Ireland.



Terms & Benefits*

Irish Lights offers a comprehensive and market-competitive range of benefits to employees, including a generous range of family friendly/flexible working policies and a commitment to the further development and education of its staff.

Death in service pension benefits: The pension scheme will pay 2 times annual salary to a nominated person(s) in the event of a member's death in service.

Employee Assistance Programme (EAP): Irish Lights provides an independent, 100% confidential EAP service, delivered through VHI, offering professional and impartial advice, information and counselling on a range of issues including legal, financial, and health matters. This service is free to employees and is also available to immediate family members.

Family Friendly Policies: Irish Lights has a range of family friendly policies that allow employees to balance work with other aspects of their lives. These include Maternity, Paternity, Parents, Adoptive and Parental Leave provisions, the majority of which have elements which are enhanced beyond the statutory entitlements.

Occupational Health Service: Irish Lights works with an independent Occupational Health service provider, who provides support and advice for employees who have an illness or a medical condition affecting their ability to work.

Pension Scheme: Very generous pension benefits (defined benefit scheme, 27.1% employer contribution) are attached to this role.

Repatriation - You will be entitled to repatriation in accordance with the repatriation provisions.

Sickness Absence Provisions: For employees unfortunate enough to become ill, the Sick Leave Policy provides up to a total of 13 weeks paid leave (less any social welfare payments) in one year, followed by a further 13 weeks half pay (less half of any social welfare payments) thereafter, subject to a maximum of a total of 26 weeks paid sick leave in any four year period. These benefits are enhanced after 3 years satisfactory service.

Training and Development support: Irish Lights aims to ensure that all employees have the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to be successful in their roles and to fulfil their career potential and operates a Performance and Development Process through which development can be planned and achieved.

* To be considered for this role, candidates must be able to prove they have the right to work in Ireland. Applicants should note that eligibility is determined by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. Further information regarding eligibility is available at:

<https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/what-we-do/workplace-and-skills/employment-permits/employment-permit-eligibility/>

Non-EEA applicants are responsible for ensuring they can secure a visa to travel to Ireland. Any offer of employment is conditional on applicants securing the appropriate employment permissions.

How to Apply

Please send a brief cover letter outlining why you are interested in this role together with your CV to human.resources@irishlights.ie.

Closing date for applications is close of business on **21 April 2024**.

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