



Forest Planning Advisor

Job reference: REQ0598

Location: Flexible (see JD)

Salary: £45,348 - £49,371 (over 26% employer pension contributions plus benefits)

Job description:

Would you like to influence Scotland's landscape and rich resources and influence how trees, woodlands and forests can contribute to its diverse character and long term sustainability?

Scottish Forestry is seeking to recruit a Forest Planning Advisor to provide professional advice within the organisation and to key Stakeholders. Scottish Forestry is the Scottish Government agency responsible for forestry policy, support and regulations. The post lies within the Sustainable Forest Management team which is responsible for promoting best practice on a wide range of issues, including climate change, cultural heritage, water, soil and biodiversity.

You will be involved in policy development and delivery in the area of integrated forest planning and landscape design. It will involve reviewing our current approach to forest planning and helping to create plans that articulate outcomes for the creation and management of existing woodlands. It will also ensure that these plans are well placed to deal with future climate and economic change

We are looking for someone who is keen to use their initiative to develop ideas on how best to contribute to the wider objectives and functions of the agency and is keen to work across teams and is comfortable balancing objectives and applying those on the ground.

Main Duties

- Contribute to the development, communication, monitoring and review of best practice relating to forestry in Scotland and how it is taken forward within Scottish Government policies and strategies relevant to forests and woodlands.
- Contribute to the development and delivery of activities identified in Scotland's Forestry Strategy.
- Implementation Plan, taking a lead on activities relating to land use and forest planning, landscape and historic environment.
- Review Scottish Forestry's approach to Forest Planning.
- Develop, promote and deliver training courses for woodland managers, Scottish Forestry personnel and forestry stakeholders to promote best practice in forest planning and landscape design, all with respect to the UK Forestry Standard, to facilitate the development of skills and expertise in integrated forest planning.
- Work with colleagues to develop ways to build risk mitigation, and forest resilience into forest plans including adaption, resistance, response and recover.

- Lead on the UK Forestry Standard landscape and historic environment requirements and guidelines in the UKFS.
- Working with Scottish Forestry colleagues engaged in grant giving and implementing forestry regulations, you will provide a responsive, enabling and customer-orientated service to ensure compliance with the UK Forestry Standard.
- Support colleagues and act as a point of organisational expertise on applying best practice to landscape planning within woodland creation and forest management plans.
- Build and maintain working positive relationships with all teams within Scottish Forestry and externally with key stakeholders, represent Scottish Forestry interests with the wide range of groups and organisations who have an interest in forestry.
- Contribute to requests from Scottish Government for responses to Ministerial casework, parliamentary questions and briefings, and other policy requests as required.

Candidates should be chartered or working towards chartered status.

Closing date: 29 May 2023.

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