

CONSERVATION AND VISITOR EXPERIENCE DIRECTORATE

East Cairngorms Moorland Partnership (ECMP) Officer

(Band D, Part-time (22.5 hours (3 days) /week), fixed term for 2 years)

Office base is either Ballater or Grantown on Spey, but extensive travel in the East of the CNP will be required

Purpose

The East Cairngorms Moorland Partnership (ECMP) has been initiated by the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA) and six estates in the East of the Cairngorms National Park, covering an area of approximately 134,626 ha. The ECMP Officer's role will be to facilitate the co-operative activities of the Partnership with the purpose of ensuring the collective delivery of the agreed work programme and the outcomes as set out in the Statement of Purpose (see attached)

Responsibilities

- Play a key role in fostering and building relationships and consensus, particularly where views differ, and encourage broader collaboration among key interest groups at the local level.
- Securing project participation through regular progress meetings, and project update circular, with ECMP partners to report on progress, issues and next activities.
- Multiple visits to ECMP landholdings to inform activities and ensure integration of proposals and works with other land management activities, gather evidence and GIS mapping of priority areas to deliver ECMP outcomes. Analyse data and develop into presentation format.
- Raising awareness of ECMP amongst public and key stakeholders.
- Consult and involve other public agencies as required – SNH, FCS, SEPA.
- Identify opportunities for and assist funding applications under Agri-Environment Climate Scheme, Forestry Grant Scheme and other relevant sources.
- Oversight of progress of ECMP projects and initiate and support adaptations where required.
- Work with partners in developing Ballater interpretation facility.

General

- Contribute to the work of the Conservation and Visitor Experience Directorate and CNPA as a whole and ensuring compliance with financial procedures;
- Contribute to the delivery of the National Park Partnership Plan;
- To conduct other work, as necessary; and
- All post holders are required to be flexible with regards their job description so that the organisation can adapt to new opportunities and priorities over time.

Person Specification - Knowledge, experience and training

The successful applicant will be required to complete a satisfactory Disclosure Scotland pre-

employment check.

ESSENTIAL

- Demonstrable, practical experience of upland management and land use, including a working knowledge of at least one of the following: upland farming, management of wild deer, woodland and forestry, natural flood management, moorland management for sporting interests and habitat management.
- Experience of developing and maintaining positive working relationships with land managers, agencies, organisations and contractors to deliver partnership initiatives.
- Proven experience of project management
- Proven ability to achieve targets and manage workloads for self.
- Proven experience of producing plans and specifications for upland management schemes.
- Articulate, with excellent communication, interpersonal and negotiation skills.
- Experience in procuring and interrogating land use information associated with GIS and other information systems.
- GIS, computer and IT literate.
- A full UK driving licence or access to a driver if disability prevents driving. This post will require extensive travel in the Park.
- Flexible approach to working hours.

DESIRABLE

- Familiar with SRDP and applications to other funding mechanisms
- Corporate Membership of an appropriate professional body.