*****“Our task is not to put the greatness back into humanity   
but to elicit it, for the greatness is there already.”***

***John Buchan***

**Job Title** Community Facilitator

**Job Base** Edinburgh with extensive travel around Scotland

**Reports to**  Head of Partnerships

**Type of Contract** Full Time, Permanent

**Overview of Columba 1400**

Columba 1400 is a charity and social enterprise based in Scotland. The purpose of the organisation is to help young people discover their potential either by working directly with them or by working with the key adults in the lives. Utilising our inspirational custom built leadership centres in Staffin on the Isle of Skye and at Ardoch on the banks of Loch Lomond, our Leadership Academies have been described by our graduates as an “inward bound” experience offering them an opportunity to reflect on themselves and learn from others. For the over 10,000 young people and adults who have participated in our Leadership Academies since 2000, Columba 1400 has provided a turning point in their lives. Our values of Awareness, Focus, Creativity, Integrity, Perseverance and Service underpin all our Leadership Academies and provide a framework within which young people can embark on their own journey of personal transformation enabling them to discover their true potential in life, education, work and community.

**Overall Purpose of Role**

After a period of growth and innovation, Columba 1400 is now working with young people online and in their communities. The purpose of this role is to lead and develop our fledging community leadership academies to help our participants realise their true potential. The successful candidate will work in partnership with their team members to ensure highest standards of delivery are maintained throughout our Leadership Academies and to help support the capture of information on all aspects of Columba 1400’s work.

**Responsibilities**

* Lead the delivery of Columba 1400 Community Leadership Academies by facilitating sessions for young people and the key adults in their lives
* Some online facilitation of sessions to enhance our Community Leadership Academies
* Be creative in your engagement strategies to ensure young people feel comfortable to participate in our Community Leadership Academies
* Work with Head of Partnerships and other colleagues to develop new partnerships and manage relationships
* Have the responsibility manage community projects from beginning to end
* Effective communication with Development Team ensuring all information on Partners is shared for funding and evaluation purposes
* Helping prepare notes following consultations, sessions and meetings with participants and partners
* Helping gauge readiness of all involved to minimise risk on the Leadership Academies
* Communication with other members of Facilitation Team with all relevant information for each stage of the Leadership Academy
* Lead evaluation and monitoring of the impact and outcomes for organisational learning, partners and funders
* Liaise and attend meetings with other Columba 1400 functional areas necessary to perform duties and to enhance business and organisational developments
* Adhere to all organisational policies and health and safety requirements
* Attend training and increase professional knowledge and skills necessary to the effective performance of the role, including continued development of programme facilitation and delivery

**Person Specification**

**Awareness**

* Experience of working with hard to reach groups preferred
* Knowledge of issues facing young people and their parents/families.
* Knowledge of social media and communications

**Focus**

* Non-judgemental – focus on the potential not the past
* Inspiring – lead by example
* Empowering – enable positive change

**Creativity**

* Ability to make decisions and problem solve
* Innovative in approaching different challenges

**Integrity**

* Ability to network and build relationships
* Effort - Self-motivated to innovate and show initiative
* Committed to professional development
* Approachable – open minded and value diversity
* IT literate and highly organised and attention to detail

**Perseverance**

* Passionate – absolutely committed to supporting young people and the key adults in their lives.
* Flexibility to work evenings and attend residential courses as required
* Challenge – enjoys engaging in difficult tasks and does not shy away from problems

**Service**

* Excellent interpersonal skills, able to communicate effectively both verbal and non-verbal to a wide variety of audiences
* Works well in a team and on own initiative
* Facilitation skills
* Excellent communication skills, in particular with young people and the key adults in their lives.
* Ambition for own development within the organisation

*The organisation reserves the right to vary duties and responsibilities at any time and from time to time according to the needs of the organisation’s business. June 2021*