



OPEN SEAS – PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER

Open Seas

The Open Seas Trust is a campaigning charity working on issues of marine conservation and seafood sustainability in Scotland. We are a small, agile organisation with an evidence based, robust approach, calling out damaging and illegal activity in the press and with Scottish politicians and undertaking research and investigations to build the case for change.

We have become a prominent voice for marine conservation in Scotland, generating significant mainstream media attention and securing a strong profile for the organisation in the national press. We have also built a strong political reputation hosting political events and engaging leading politicians in the health of our seas.

You can read more about our work at www.openseas.org.uk

The Team

We are currently a team of 5 staff working within two pillars of the organisation – policy and campaigns. Our work spans a range of tasks including research, lobbying, boat based research, meetings with seafood and fisheries stakeholders, campaigning and hosting events. The team works entirely from various remote home and shared working space locations and so much of our work is done using online collaboration tools.

The organisation is overseen by a Board of 5 Trustees who meet quarterly and advised by an Advisory Group who meet 1 – 2 times a year. We aim to grow the organisation in the coming years and are now needing support to facilitate and administer our growing organisation and workload.

The role

Open Seas is a growing organisation and this role has been established to enhance our work on marine and fisheries policy in response to the ongoing challenges faced by our seas. This role will be responsible for refining and delivering our policy strategy, delivering the organisations asks and enhancing the parliamentary profile, it is a chance to drive change on one of the most pressing environmental issues faced by Scotland today. Working within a small, collegiate team the post holder will engage across Open Seas work, with opportunities to support a wide range of activity.

It will report directly to the Head of Policy and Operations and assist Head of Communication and Campaigns with relevant media work. Core tasks will include developing briefings, parliamentary monitoring and enhancement and delivery of policy strategies.

The location for this appointment is flexible, most staff currently work from their homes but there is also the potential to arrange office space if necessary.

Benefits

The role will be paid £36,000 + depending on experience. The initial contract will be for 1 year with a view to extending this thereafter. Open Seas offers a matched pension contribution of up to 6%. The role will be entitled to 25 days paid holiday plus Scottish public holidays.