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**Job Description: Environmental Trustee**

If you are experienced in sustainability and circularity, we need your help. This is a voluntary position and we can guarantee you huge satisfaction and enjoyment at the opportunity to make a real difference to the community Newmilns Snow & Sports Complex (Peak Park) serves.

We are the UK's only charity ski slope. We are a volunteer led, community run social enterprise organisation who use snow sports as a mechanism for positive health, well-being, and social change in our local community. Our profits are reinvested to support our community by providing access to personal development, employability and training opportunities.

Sustainability, compliance and environmental standards are important to our values and should have a key feature and KPI’s within associated strategies .

We value diversity and inclusion and the benefits this brings. We aim to appoint the most suitable candidate at all times and welcome applications from people from all different backgrounds.

Previous experience as a Trustee is not essential and we are committed to investing in training and support for candidates at the start of their trustee journey or have additional needs we can support to ensure they can contribute fully.

To be a Trustee of an organisation is an exciting and fulfilling role. The most effective Boards are ones which benefit from individuals from a diverse range of backgrounds, experiences and skill sets. The role of a Trustee is to ensure that the charity fulfils its duty to its beneficiaries and delivers on our vision, mission and values.

Join us and you’ll be part of a small charity with big objectives.

**Remuneration**: This is a voluntary, unremunerated role. All meetings are held via MS Teams. Reasonable travel expenses to any in-person meetings are covered.

**Term:** up to 2 years with an option to extend.

**Time commitment:** Attend board meetings and sub-committee meetings as necessary, virtually**.** On an ad hoc basis, to work with the Chair of Trustees, other Board members and the CEO, outside of the Trustee meetings, to support and develop the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) strategy.

**Reporting to:** Chair & Board of Trustees

**Required Background:** A background in Circular Economy/Sustainability at a strategic or senior level.

**Role Summary**

* To assist the Board of Trustees to develop a comprehensive ESG strategy for the charity.
* Provide support and guidance to the CEO on Environmental issues, opportunities, policies and concerns ensuring that the Trustee board are aware and kept up to date in regards to the legal, regulatory and governance responsibilities of the charity.
* To ensure, along with Operational Management support, that all environmental policies and practices are in place and kept up to date with the changing internal and external environment.
* To continuously keep up to date with all current environmental legislation/regulations, to be able to reflect these changes in the relevant manner.
* Supporting the CEO and Management Team on strategic direction, development, performance and maintenance in relation to ESG.
* To regularly communicate to the rest of the Board any relevant information and changes as outlined above regarding Environmental Standards.
* To ensure the Trustee board develop a long-term strategy for the charity with clear objectives which can be monitored and adapted.

**Person Specification**

* A strong knowledge of Waste/Environmental legislation at senior level and a charities responsibility.
* Detailed knowledge of Environmental Law, Regulations, Codes of Practice and Good Practice.
* Strategic direction in conducting regular environmental audits and assessments to identify areas of improvement and support recommended actions.
* A good understanding of Environmental standards within a small charity and the challenges facing small charities.
* Sound, independent judgement and ability to think creatively.
* Ability to give constructive feedback and provide challenge.
* Experience in the charitable or voluntary sector.

**Main Responsibilities of a Environmental Trustee in partnership with the CEO**

* Oversee Environmental sub-committee to make sure it is carried out in legal, honest, and accountable ways.
* Lead sustainability initiatives, such as energy conservation, waste reduction, and water management, by setting goals and implementing strategies to achieve them.
* Develop an Environmental strategy with clear KPI’s, mitigations and evaluation.
* Contributing your vast knowledge of Environmental, best practice, and strategies.
* In partnership with the CEO, report to the Board at a strategic level on the successes and challenges of the Environmental strategy.

**Experience and Commitment:**

* Strategic vision, sound and independent judgement.
* Ability to communicate persuasively and a willingness to speak their mind.
* Demonstrable experience of building and sustaining relationships with key stakeholders and colleagues to achieve organisational objectives.
* Understanding and commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion with the ability to bring diverse perspectives to the Board.
* A proven track record of sound judgement and effective decision making.
* A history of impartiality, fairness and the ability to respect confidences.

**Knowledge, skills and understanding:**

* Commitment to the Charity and a willingness to devote the necessary time and effort. .
* Willingness to be available to colleagues for advice and enquiries on an ad hoc basis.
* Good, independent judgement and strategic vision.
* An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship.
* An ability to work effectively as a member of a team.

**The statutory duties of a Trustee are:**

* To ensure the organisation complies with its governing document - sometimes known as a trust deed, constitution, or articles of association.
* To ensure that the organisation pursues its objectives as defined in its governing document.
* To ensure the organisation applies its resources exclusively in pursuance of its objectives - the Charity must not spend money on activities which are not included in its own objectives, no matter how 'charitable' and 'worthwhile' those activities are.
* To contribute actively to the Board of Trustees' role in giving firm strategic direction to the organisation, setting overall policy, defining goals and setting targets and evaluating performance against agreed targets.
* To safeguard the good name and values of the organisation.
* To ensure the effective and efficient administration of the organisation.
* To ensure the financial stability of the organisation.
* To protect and manage the property of the organisation and to ensure the proper investment of the organisation's funds.