

Bute Community Land Company

Forest Project Manager – Job Details

The Project.

On 23rd July 2010, Bute Community Land Company (BCLC) completed the acquisition of 161 hectares of forestry land within Rhubodach Forest on behalf of the community of Bute. This completed a journey which began in August 2009 when the land was placed on the market by its owners Lord and Lady Attenborough. Over the intervening period BCLC successfully galvanised the local community culminating in a huge vote of support in the largest community ballot at that time – 2739 people voted and 2557 of them voted yes!

The following proposed activities are what the community voted for;

- The provision of enhanced amenity rights through the forest – people of all abilities will be able to enjoy the forest by walking and cycling through it.**
- The provision of renewable energy from micro hydro schemes which will generate an income stream.**
- The provision of high quality eco lodges for holiday makers thus improving the tourist potential of the island.**
- The provision of a visitor centre which will attract people to the forest and which will showcase various renewable energy technologies. In this way it will also be an educational facility.**
- The provision of natural play activities in the woodlands.**
- The ongoing management of the timber resource.**
- The creation of jobs to support the above.**

The Job

The job is a 2 year fixed term appointment funded by HIE, Leader and BCLC and the objectives will be to deliver the community's aspirations as detailed above. The focus will be to make the forest work and 'pay its way' and the Board of BCLC expect the successful candidate to identify and deliver income generating opportunities which will allow the job to continue and develop. BCLC is not simply a 'forest project'; it is a social enterprise business and needs to strive for financial sustainability in these economically challenging times.

The main details of the job are as follows;

1. It will be based in Rothesay
2. It will be a 35 hour week although there will be occasions when this will be exceeded due to public meetings etc
3. There will be 20 days annual leave with 9 days public holidays
4. Some travel off the island will be necessary to visit other similar projects and to develop appropriate partnership arrangements.
5. The starting salary will be £30,000pa

Full job details will be contained in a formal contract which will be issued to the successful candidate, following a robust interview process.

The Challenge

The challenge is simply to deliver this ambitious project and to deliver it well. The Board of BCLC will settle for nothing less. If you feel you have the skills, stamina and personality to do this we look forward to hearing from you.