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Berwickshire Community Fund

Area: Berwickshire
Role: Voluntary Panel Member
Salary: Voluntary
Closing Date: xxxxx

Community Fund: Grant Panel Member.
A commitment of around 8 days per year, non-remunerated.

About Berwickshire Community Fund

The Berwickshire Community Fund is Scottish Borders Council's main provider of financial support to voluntary and community groups. The fund provides support to voluntary and community groups that are active within their communities and assists communities or interest groups with the development of community-based projects.

The scheme is divided up between each of the five Area Partnerships (Berwickshire, Cheviot, Eildon, Teviot and Liddesdale and Tweeddale). The amounts provided are subject to periodic review by Scottish Borders Council. Each Area Partnership may operate a different process.

The Role

The Berwickshire Community Fund is looking for candidates to form a new Community Fund Assessment Panel. This independent panel will be responsible for scrutinising grant applications to ensure consistency of assessment against approved processes and criteria, value for money and the potential to achieve positive outcomes for the benefit of the community. The Panel report their decisions and make recommendations as appropriate to Berwickshire Area Partnership.

What are we looking for?

We are looking to create an assessment panel that is as inclusive as possible and which effectively represents the broad, diverse constituency of Berwickshire area; therefore, we would welcome applications from the broadest spectrum of backgrounds.

Successful candidates will have a genuine interest in the charitable sector, as well as an interest in the positive development of communities across Berwickshire. We are looking to form a mixed group of experienced and non-experience grant assessors however, applicants should have an understanding of local need and priorities, be able to demonstrate sound business judgement, effective communication and interpersonal skills, and a willingness to work as part of a team.

We will expect group members to be willing and able to consider information and options, and to develop their thinking before coming together as a group to agree a joint position, 'whilst being respectful of the views of others, and to adopt a constructive and supportive approach to this very important role.

Interested?

If you are interested and would like to be part of the new Assessment Panel, working alongside Scottish Borders Councillors and officers, Berwickshire Area Partnership members and local Third Sector organisations, please download the recruitment pack, which includes full details about the role, the qualities and expertise we are looking for.

We imagine that after Covid restrictions have been eased we will continue to meet online using tools such as Zoom or Teams.

To apply, please email a letter of application, which may include a CV, to communitygrants@scotborders.gov.uk, explaining how your skills, abilities and experience equip you for the role as set out in the recruitment pack, together with your reasons for applying.