

National Policy Officer

A temporary part-time job/secondment opportunity with the NAAONB.

Do you want to play a part in helping optimise the role of AONBs to society? If so, this opportunity could be for you.

Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) are some of the nation's most cherished landscapes. From the uplands and remote villages of the North Pennines, through the chalk grasslands and beech woodlands of the Chilterns, to the cliffs and fishing villages of Cornwall; all are different; all are special.

AONBs are currently in a positive spotlight. In England, the 25 Year Environment Plan recognises the contribution these areas make to the nation and challenges them to do more and, in Wales, the SMNR and Wellbeing agenda is prompting a repositioning of landscape designations to optimise their role for society. In addition, UK government has just commenced a review of English AONBs and National Parks creating an exciting opportunity to really develop landscape management and ensure the AONB designation is well placed to deliver for a 21st century, post-Brexit Britain.

Following a successful bid to the HLF's Resilient Heritage an opportunity has arisen for a person to work 2 days a week with the NAAONB between September 2018 and December 2019. The focus of the role will be collecting, analysing and presenting data to inform policy development, and bringing together the best thinking of the AONB Family to present coherent national messages to help UK and Welsh Government optimise the ability of AONB teams to deliver on their purposes.

This new post will be managed by the National Policy and Development Manager, who will also be delivering the HLF project on a part-time basis.

A full job description and person specification is attached.

The National Association for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

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We offer a flexible working environment and are open to suggestions as to how this post might operate. There are options for the employment/secondment. For example, the post holder could:

- continue to be employed by their existing employer and be formally seconded to the NAAONB.
- be directly employed by the NAAONB.
- work on a freelance basis.

We are keen to find the right employment/secondment arrangements for the right candidate.

Salary: circa £35 pro rata. Fixed-term contract until December 2019.

Hours: normally 2 days (15 hours) per week.

Location: home based or potentially located with an NAAONB member organisation

Closing date: 22nd August 2018.

Interviews will be held on 30th August 2018.

If you would like to apply, please send a cv and covering letter of not more than 400 words explaining why you would like to take up this opportunity and importantly why you feel suited to do this role to Richard.Clarke@landscapesforlife.org.uk.

For an informal discussion about the role, please contact Richard Clarke on 07948 248619.

The National Association for AONBs

Job Specification

Title:	National Policy Officer
Salary:	£35,000 pro rata
Hours:	15 per week
Fixed term contract:	September 2018 – December 2019
Location:	Homeworking
Responsible to:	National Policy and Development Manager
Responsible for:	N/A

Key Contacts

- NAAONB Chief Executive
- NAAONB Chairman
- NAAONB Vice-Chairmen
- NAAONB Staff team
- 46 AONB Lead Officers

Purpose

- a) Maximise effective collaboration across the AONB Family to deliver shared outcomes
- b) Generate a robust evidence base to support effective advocacy
- c) To support the NAAONB's Chief Executive, Chairman, Board of Trustees and NAAONB Staff

Main Duties

- Lead on the co-ordination of input to, and the production of, responses to national consultations, harnessing diverse pools of knowledge and supporting the development of the NAAONB as a unified voice.
- Help build the knowledge, skills, capacity and capabilities needed to deliver the AONB Family and NAAONB objectives. This accountability includes provision of information, data management and group engagement.
- Work with the NAAONB team to develop and manage a robust evidence base to support effective advocacy which demonstrates effectiveness of activities to national audiences.

Person specification

We are seeking a highly motivated individual to join our team and help us to take our organisation through this exciting period of transformative growth. You must

demonstrate some management experience and be ready to apply your skills in a unique and challenging context. You must be a self-starter and able to work independently. You must have excellent interpersonal & influencing skills and be able to lead and inspire AONB partnership staff as well as external collaborative stakeholders. You will be expected to consider the needs of others first and help people develop and perform as highly as possible.

Essential

- Minimum of 3 years of designated landscape experience and demonstrable experience of influencing others
- Experience of working with the private sector
- Proven ability in managing and fostering relations with stakeholders
- Ability to manage a complex and varied work load and work under pressure
- Strong communication skills, both oral and written.

Desirable

- Experience of working in the voluntary sector
- Experience of working with governments and parliamentarians at the highest level
- Experience of working in a devolved context
- Experience of working with donors and grant aiding bodies
- Experience of coaching others
- Full clean driving licence

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