



Committee Member for Everything Outdoors Programme (Voluntary)

The Ernest Cook Trust is one of the UK's foremost funders and providers of Outdoor Learning. We help disadvantaged children and young people, their families and communities nurture a lifelong appreciation and respect for the countryside. Through outdoor experiences delivered via our strategic programmes, we aim to improve their life chances and support communities in the face of 21st century challenges.

Established in 1952, the Trust remains deeply rooted in its founder's love of the countryside. We care for over 23,000 acres of land in six English counties. The Trust carries out its educational work on and beyond its estates, through grant funding activities and by working in partnerships and collaborations with like-minded organisations who share our passion for outdoor learning.

The Trust's charitable purpose is education, manifested through our four strategic programme areas:

- Everything Outdoors
- The OWL Collaboration
- The Green Influencers Scheme
- The Learning Estate

Please see our website (www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk) for more information

Learning Committee Member (Voluntary)

We are looking for a committed and inspirational adviser to join our Everything Outdoors Committee. The Committee currently comprises two of our Trustees, the Chief Executive, Head of Learning and Head of Grants. The Committee oversees grant giving and direct delivery of learning opportunities through the Everything Outdoors programme.

The additional member will bring broader experience of Outdoor Learning to the Trust and additional expertise, most likely with experience of working with disadvantaged young people and/or those from minoritised ethnic groups. In joining the Committee, you will help to ensure that all our programmes are overseen with a high level of professional knowledge and experience and offer the greatest possible impact to the individuals and communities we serve. We are very open as to what your background in learning is, but you will be as convinced of its benefits and committed to its future as we are!

Duration of role: fixed term of 3 years in the first instance, with possible review.

Commitment: 2-3 meetings per year (by Zoom or in person at the Trust's Head Office in Fairford).



This is a voluntary role but reasonable expenses associated with the role will be paid.

Responsibilities/duties

- Supporting the strategic development of grant giving and direct delivery plans for our schools, community and training programmes for disadvantaged young people
- Providing expert advice and insight on supporting disadvantaged communities (eg SEND, minoritised ethnic groups, people experiencing financial disadvantage)
- Sharing relevant industry experience to guiding thinking around evaluation, benchmarking and best practice in our programmes
- Providing challenge to ensure our systems are robust (eg Health and Safety, Safeguarding, monitoring, reporting and quality assurance)

Areas of expertise

- Youth engagement and training programmes (eg traineeships, apprenticeships)
- Working with communities facing barriers to engagement with nature and the outdoors (eg SEND, minoritised ethnic groups, high levels of deprivation)
- Nature connectedness, land based programmes
- Impact and evaluation
- Diversity and inclusion

Personal skills and qualities

- Passionate about supporting young people facing disadvantage and challenging circumstances
- Interest in Outdoor Learning and the benefits of environmental engagement
- Knowledge of the UK charity sector
- A person who reflects and contributes to the values of The Ernest Cook Trust

To apply

Please send a CV and covering letter to Emily Crawley, Head of Learning - Emily.crawley@ernestcooktrust.org.uk – by 24 January 2022.

Please note that an enhanced DBS certificate will be required for this role.