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Education is at the heart of charity's search for new Trustee

UK educational charity The Ernest Cook Trust is looking for a new Trustee to join its mission to enable children and young people to learn from nature, empowering them to have a positive impact on their environment.

The Trust wants the recruit to its Board of Trustees to have knowledge, expertise and experience of the UK education sector, preferably with interest in and experience of Outdoor Learning.

The new Trustee will complement the skills of the existing Board, whose professional experience spans finance and investment, farming, and the charitable sector.

The Ernest Cook Trust owns and manages extensive rural landholdings across six counties in the UK and uses its income to fund and deliver Outdoor Learning opportunities to young people, families, and their communities, particularly from underserved communities, often working in partnership with other organisations.

Mary Riall, Chair of the Board of Trustees, said: "The search for a new Trustee comes at a strategically important time for The Ernest Cook Trust, as we continue our ambitious growth plan, expanding the important work we do as key players in the Learning from the Land sector.

"As landowners, farmers, funders and deliverers of Outdoor Learning activities, we are inspiring more young people to achieve better life outcomes as we pursue our vision to transform young lives through an environmentally engaged society."

The Ernest Cook Trust has its own Youth Advisory Board, whose members bring a vital energy, enthusiasm, and unique viewpoint to activities.

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A member of the Youth Advisory Board commented: "We'd like our new Trustee to be someone who sees engaging with young people as a priority. Someone with a passion for the environment and a willingness to engage in new opportunities and projects that engage young people."

The Trusteeship is a paid role, and – as the Trust's ethos is 'everything is better outdoors' - applicants must enjoy being outside, often in wellies!

Programmes run by The Ernest Cook Trust include funding the employment of Outdoor Learning Officers, who promote the benefits of getting outdoors to young people and their communities. Under its Outdoor Essentials Grant scheme, grants are given to schools across the UK, to fund activities, equipment and transport to support Outdoor Learning.

Through The OWL Collaboration, the Trust funds outdoor weeks of learning for school pupils to explore nature whilst living and learning together, in particular those from underserved areas of the country facing barriers to access and participation.

For more information about The Ernest Cook Trust and the trustee role, visit <https://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/jobs/>. The closing date for applications is June 30.