Non-executive Board Member – Education Scotland

Location: Livingston/Glasgow

Position: Daily rate of £282.50 plus reasonable travel expenses

Days: Between 8 and 12 days.

Contract: 4 years

Closing Date: Midnight 10 April 2019

Education Scotland is looking for four enthusiastic and committed people who are interested in becoming non-executive members of our Advisory Board to work with our Board and help shape our strategic direction and oversee the delivery of our business priorities. Two of the successful candidates will also be invited onto our Audit and Risk Committee.

The successful candidate will be able to meet at least two of the following priority areas:

- Senior level experience of managing change within an organisation to drive the delivery of strategic objectives; or
- Relevant finance, audit and risk experience; or
- Strategic stakeholder engagement and communication experience, including working with a wide range of diverse stakeholders.

You must also be able to demonstrate skills in all the following areas:

- Experience in giving constructive and supportive challenge
- Ability to analyse information and make decisions
- An understanding of Governance
- Organisational Performance Management experience

Education Scotland

As Scotland’s national improvement agency for education, Education Scotland is an organisation of people who believe passionately in the power of education to change lives. We aim to provide the right blend of support and challenge to help education providers achieve excellence and equity for Scottish learners. We work in a wide range of sectors from the early years, through school education to post-16 and adult learning.

The Agency is a constituent part of Scottish Government with a focus on direct delivery of public services. We are headed by a Chief Executive who is personally answerable to Scottish Ministers and the Scottish Parliament for the performance of the Agency. Our Board is therefore advisory, rather than executive, in nature.
Non-Executive Board Member role:

The Advisory Board plays a crucial role in the strategic governance of the Education Scotland. As part of that you will offer leadership, direction and guidance to the organisation, supporting the Agency to deliver on our corporate objectives and ensuring that it runs efficiently. Although you won’t be involved in the day-to-day running of the Agency, it is an opportunity to lend your voice and opinion to an area that is at the heart of the Programme for Government, whilst gaining knowledge and experience in how the organisation works. You will be an ambassador for Education Scotland, promoting its work amongst stakeholders.

For further information about the organisation, please visit our website www.education.gov.scot.

The appointment will be for a term of four years with the possibility of re-appointment, subject to a satisfactory performance assessment and meeting the continuing requirements of the Agency. All Non-Executive Board Members are appointed by and ultimately accountable to the Chief Executive.

An application pack and full details on this appointment is available on our website https://education.gov.scot/who-we-are/Current%20vacancies.

How to Apply

Applications are invited in the form of:

- A current CV or description of work and other relevant experience.
- A supporting statement highlighting how skills and experience match the role specification.
- The names of two referees who may be contacted.

For further information about the role, please go to http://www.education.gov.scot or contact Roz McCracken, Head of Governance, on 0131 244 43238. The application should be returned to: Roslyn.Mccracken@educationscotland.gsi.gov.uk

We welcome applications from all suitably qualified people and we particularly welcome applicants from minority ethnic groups and people with disabilities.

The closing date for receipt of applications is midnight on the 10 April 2019. Interviews will take place on 17 May 2019.