

Mountaineering Scotland

Directors Vacancies 2022

Mountaineering Scotland is a membership organisation with over 15,000 members including 150 clubs and is the only recognised representative organisation for hill walkers, climbers, mountaineers, and ski-tourers who live in Scotland or who enjoy Scotland's mountains, and acts to represent, support and promote Scottish mountaineering. This is an exciting time to be involved in shaping the future of the organisation as we look to deliver new strategic plan to take the organisation forward from 2022-25.

Mountaineering Scotland has a small professional staff headed by a CEO which rely on the support and advice provided by volunteer directors. As a member of the board, directors help to shape the future of Scottish mountaineering and guide the strategic direction and policy development of the organisation. The board also provides a governance function assessing and managing strategic risk and monitoring budgets and the implementation of the operational plan.

One of our current directors is stepping down at the next annual general meeting (AGM) on 19th November 2022 and we are interested to hear from individual members or members of clubs who may be interested in learning more about this important voluntary role. Joining the board of Mountaineering Scotland offers potential for the development of new and existing skills, meeting new people, developing new networks, and making a genuine difference to mountaineering in Scotland.

Mountaineering Scotland is committed to equality of opportunity for all staff / voluntary directors and applications from individuals are encouraged regardless of age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and marriage and civil partnerships.

Role description

Director for Access and the Environment

Working within the context of Mountaineering Scotlands new strategic Framework 2022 – 25 and out vision '*Respecting Scotland's Mountains*' and associated policies, the Director for Access and the Environment leads on our work to protect outdoor access and our mountain environment. Scotland enjoys some of the most progressive access legislation in Europe and this role is critical in ensuring that we protect these rights across Scotland and particularly in our mountain and upland areas.

Working closely with our Access and Conservation Officer the successful candidate will also help shape our policy in relation to conservation and climate change with the opportunity to work with a diverse range of stakeholders and organisations that share our interests.

This is a great opportunity for someone who may have some experience of access legislation, and/or a background in conservation / environmental management, combined with a personal passion for mountaineering or outdoor activities.

The Role

- Working with our staff and other volunteers, the Director for Access and the Environment will lead on our work to protect access rights and help promote the benefits of recreation in Scotlands hills and mountains.
- To contribute to the review of our policy framework “Respecting Scotlands Mountains”, lead the implementation of our conservation strategy and action to engage and respond to the impact of climate change in the hill and mountain environment.
- The Director will report to the Board on relevant matters, including the work of the National Access Forum, our links with the Scottish Rewilding Alliance and Protect our Winters and policy developments affecting access and the environment.

The role description should be read in conjunction with the directors’ competencies and person specification. We ask candidates who wish to put their name forward to provide a brief summary of their experience in an organisational context and their interests in mountaineering / outdoor / sporting activities, together with a personal statement as to how they feel they would contribute to the work of Mountaineering Scotland.

The board will be undertaking a selection process to identify a preferred candidate for nomination at the AGM on 19th November 2022 and is inviting expressions of interest which should be submitted by close of business on Wed the of 28th of September 2022.

Members who wish to stand for election independently must nominate themselves in accordance with the Articles of Association by Sat the 10th of September.

If you are interested in any of the opportunities detailed, please contact Stuart Younie, CEO and Company Secretary, on 0773820039 or by email at stuart@mountainering.scot for an informal discussion.