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RURAL ACTION COME JOIN US!

Interested in joining our Board of Trustees at Rural Action?

Are you passionate about making a difference? Do you have a vision for positive change? Do you want to make an impact in communities, in rural areas of Northern Ireland and the border region?

Rural Action is looking for dedicated and dynamic individuals to join its voluntary Board of Trustees.

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Charity Registration Number: NIC108163

ABOUT US

Rural Action is a voluntary not-for-profit social purpose company (limited by guarantee NI659778) with charitable status (NIC108163).

We were established in 2019 to meet an identified need for a regional rural organisation with a focus on supporting grassroots communities through project and programme design, development and delivery.

Our Work

- We currently act as a Managing Agent for the International Fund for Ireland (IFI) managing the delivery in Northern Ireland of the IFI Personal Youth Development Programme (PYDP) and the Communities in Partnership (Cross Border) Programme.
- We are working in partnership with Cooperation Ireland and East Border Region to animate and provide support to grassroots communities to access funding opportunities under the SEUPB/Pobal managed Peace Plus Small Grants Programme.
- We are an Open College Network (OCN) accredited centre and deliver the OCN Level 1 in Developing and Managing Community Facilities.
- We undertake various assignments and commissions for central and local government, other statutory bodies and the community, voluntary sector including pilot projects, evaluations, programme design, project assessments & appraisals.
- We deliver our own 'Rural Action Awards' where we give back to communities each year. So far, we have invested nearly £30,000 in community action projects injecting the equivalent of £1,000 per month back into rural communities.
- We design and develop programmes/projects that make a difference in rural communities. We have 3 pipeline projects that, if funded, will make significant impact in rural areas.

We are based in Cookstown, Co. Tyrone however we work on a regional basis across Northern Ireland & the border region and with organisations across Ireland & the UK.

You can access more information about us on our website www.ruralaction.co



ABOUT OUR VACANCY

Trustee Roles and Responsibilities:

As a Trustee, you will:

- Provide strategic direction and oversight to ensure the charity fulfils its mission and objectives
- Support the executive team to drive the charity's performance and impact
- Act as an ambassador for Rural Action, promoting our values and work within the region

Who Are We Looking For:

- Up to 5 new Trustees to join our Board
- Two of the 5 positions are open to Board apprentices e.g. those who may not have served on a charitable board before who would like the opportunity to gain experience over a 12-month period
- Individuals living in Northern Ireland or Ireland preferably with a rural background/interest in rural development; community development; cross border working and peace building

What We're Looking For:

- A commitment to the aims and values of Rural Action
- Individuals with diverse backgrounds and experience
- Experience or a background in any of the following: governance, finance, communications (marketing/PR), social economy, income generation, IT (data management; cyber security), sustainability and the practical application of climate change initiatives within communities
- Strong leadership and communication skills
- The ability to think strategically and work collaboratively

Time Commitment:

- The Board meets bi-monthly (6 times a year)
- Meetings typically last 1-2 hours on average
- Majority of meetings are held online, recognising the wide geographic spread of the Board
- 1-2 Meetings per year are held in person at a time, date and venue of mutual convenience to the Board
- Our AGM usually takes place Sept/Oct each year
- Occasional requirement to represent the organisation at events including visiting Rural Action award recipients, attend training, study visits or participate in recruitment/procurement/assessment panels as may be required



Term:

- Offer 6 months induction
- Appointments will be based on a 3-year term with option to extend for 1 further 3-year term subject to normal Board review processes
- Apprentices will be co-opted for an initial 12-month period with the option for extension to a 3-year term on completion of the voluntary apprenticeship

Why Join Us?

- Make a real difference to the lives of people living in rural areas of Northern Ireland and the border region
- Develop your skills and experience in charity governance
- Work with a passionate and dedicated team
- Be part of an organisation that really wants to make a positive impact in the community and in people's lives

How To Apply

If you are ready to contribute your time, talent, and insights, we want to hear from you. Join us in creating a positive impact.

Please complete this [short online application form](#) explaining your interest and suitability for the role. Shortlisted candidates will have the opportunity to chat with the Board/Management giving you the opportunity to find out more about the role and also to help the Board confirm that your skills and experience are a good fit for Rural Action.

Completed application forms should be submitted no later than 12 noon Friday 28th February 2025.

Have Questions?

For more information on the role please contact Jane Thom, Head of Finance and Governance at Rural Action: jane@ruralaction.co

