HELP GUIDE THE FUTURE OF EPIKS

Become a Non-Executive Director

About Us

EPIKS are passionate about protecting and improving the environment across Kirklees and the surrounding area. We want more people to enjoy and care for our green and blue spaces, greenways and public footpaths, and to travel actively and responsibly by walking, cycling and wheeling.

Addressing the challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental sustainability is at the heart of our work. We believe local action can make a significant contribution to creating healthier communities, reducing carbon emissions, protecting wildlife and building resilience for future generations.

We also believe that access to nature plays a vital role in supporting people's physical health, mental wellbeing and quality of life. Spending time outdoors can reduce stress, improve mental health, encourage physical activity and help people feel more connected to their communities and the natural world. By protecting and enhancing local green and blue spaces, we can create places where both people and nature can thrive.

We are looking for people who share this vision and want to help us achieve it.

Role Description

We are looking for four new Non-Executive Directors to join our Board and help shape the future of our organisation.

Our Board currently has three long-serving Directors who are planning to step down over the next few years. This is an exciting opportunity to help lead the organisation through its next chapter and make a real difference to the local environment and community.

To help potential applicants decide whether the role is right for them, we offer an opportunity to become a Shadow Director or EPIKS Supporter for up to six months before taking on the full role. This gives you the chance to learn more about our work, attend meetings and understand how the Board operates.

What Do EPIKS Directors Do?

As a Non-Executive Director you will help guide and oversee the organisation. Key responsibilities include:

- Ensuring the charity complies with its governing documents, charity law and other relevant regulations.
- Helping to set the organisation's strategic direction and monitor progress.
- Reviewing policies and procedures and supporting good governance.
- Overseeing the charity's financial sustainability.
- Promoting and protecting the organisation's reputation and values.
- Supporting the organisation's work to address climate change, improve biodiversity and encourage sustainable travel and environmental stewardship.

Who We Are Looking For

We welcome applications from people with a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. You do not need previous experience, although an understanding of governance would be helpful.

We are particularly interested in people who are enthusiastic about the natural environment, climate action and/or active travel, including walking, cycling and wheeling.

Skills and experience in one or more of the following areas would be especially valuable:

- Conservation, ecology, wildlife or the natural environment
- Climate change, sustainability or environmental policy
- Transport planning, sustainable transport or accessibility
- Biodiversity Net Gain
- Business management
- IT
- Communications, marketing or social media
- Project management

Time Commitment

Non-Executive Directors are expected to:

- Attend four Board meetings each year.
- Contribute to discussions and decision-making.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

We are committed to building a Board that reflects the communities we serve. We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds and are particularly keen to hear from individuals who are currently underrepresented on charity boards, including people from diverse ethnic backgrounds.

If you are passionate about tackling climate change, protecting nature, improving health and wellbeing through access to the outdoors, promoting active travel and making a positive difference in Kirklees, we would love to hear from you.

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