

Scottish Advisory Panel for Outdoor Education

Chief Executive Officer

£65,000 per annum pro rata part time (circa 2 days per week/flexible)

Freelance/self employed

Fixed, initially 12-months



Background

The Scottish Advisory Panel for Outdoor Education ([SAPOE](#)) is the forum for representatives from Local Authorities across Scotland to consider, develop and implement best practice in the safe delivery of Outdoor Learning.

SAPOE aims to:

- Ensure that regular, frequent and progressive Outdoor Learning experiences are a reality for all children and young people across Scotland, particularly in school settings.
- Support Local Authorities to develop Outdoor Learning as an integral part of formal and informal learning (including as an entitlement within Curriculum for Excellence).
- Support provision of Adventure Activities and residential experiences.
- Develop and promote safe and consistent good practice for off-site (beyond school grounds) visits through the implementation of the [Going Out There](#) framework.

The Panel works in partnership with Education Scotland, Health & Safety Executive, and the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority, and works closely with various Scottish Government departments/directorates. An example of SAPOE leading collaborative work is the development and maintenance of the [Going Out There](#) framework and website.

Panel membership comprises up to two nominees from each Local Authority in Scotland. Historically this included 'Advisors in Outdoor Education'; the changing nature of Outdoor Learning in Scotland means that the Panel now features a diverse range of job remits from across different services. The role of members is to support and implement the main aims of SAPOE and to effectively disseminate information within their Local Authority.

Representation of the interests and contributions of Local Authorities at the heart of Scotland's Outdoor Learning landscape has become increasingly important and relevant in recent years. This remit is currently conducted by Panel members in addition to their roles within their own organisation, a position which has become unsustainable.

Chief Executive Officer role

A 12-month part-time self-employed post (with potential to extend) has been created for a Chief Executive Officer to take forward SAPOE's work. It offers a unique opportunity to harness extensive Scotland-wide expertise to have a positive impact on the future direction of education at both Local Authority and national levels.

How to Apply

Applications are invited from suitably experienced people. Please email a CV and covering letter explaining your suitability for the role to secretary@sapoe.org.uk. If you would like an informal chat about the opportunity, please contact secretary@sapoe.org.uk by email to arrange a call.

Apply by: Monday 31st October 2022

Interviews: Shortlist informed by 3rd November with interviews expected to take place week beginning 14th November.