



Scottish Rural Action

Iomairt Dhùthchail na h-Alba

Volunteer Role Description

Volunteer Role: Working Group Member

Purpose

Scottish Rural Action (SRA) aims to be a powerful voice for the people of rural Scotland. We were established in 2013 as a non-profit organisation to deliver the Scottish Rural Parliament and build the foundations for a longer term rural movement.

The next stage in our development is to build our grass-roots presence and influence by engaging volunteers in our campaigns on issues prioritised by rural communities. In 2017-18 these are digital connectivity, land, business, transport and democracy and governance.

SRA has a range of Working Groups that meet online to discuss the key issues and challenges in relation to the Working Group topic. The aim of the Working Groups is to influence external policy and influence decision makers. The current Working Groups are:

- Business and Enterprise Support
- Digital Connectivity
- Land, Land Reform and Climate Change
- Local Democracy and Governance
- Transport

Tasks / Description of Role

- To contribute to the online discussions within the group
- Can take forward actions from the group and implement them where appropriate
- To liaise with the Chair of the Working Group and other group members to arrange meeting times and contribute to ongoing discussions

This Volunteer Role would benefit from a volunteer who

- Is enthusiastic about the aims of SRA and empowering rural communities
- Can commit to set meeting times for group discussions
- Is prepared to share their views and knowledge with the Working Group

- Is motivated to contribute to the groups aims of influencing policy and decision making at a local and national level

Has experience/understanding of:

Although training will be provided to enable volunteers to do this we particularly welcome volunteers with previous experience of rural affairs, community work, experience in political or social organisations/movements, campaign experience or who live in very rural/remote areas. Also relevant to this role is volunteers who have an understanding of:

- The current political and social landscape/issues relevant to the Working Group
- Internet chat forums (although training can be given)

Application Process

- application form
- interview (this can be over the phone)

Preparation for the role

Volunteers are required to participate in a volunteer induction.

Support, Access, Reviews

Named person / staff contact: Fiona Thompson, Volunteering and Campaigns Coordinator

Volunteers will receive ongoing support by phone/email (method of communication to be discussed)

All reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by the volunteer may be met by the Group, e.g. travel costs. See the *Volunteers Expenses Policy* for full details.