

South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project

Introduction

The South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project (SSGEP) is an exciting, ambitious and collaborative Project between land managers and conservationists working to increase the breeding population and range of golden eagles in the South of Scotland. Identified by the Scottish Government as a priority for its biodiversity conservation programme, this offers a ground-breaking opportunity to galvanize community interest and support for Scotland's iconic bird. Once widespread, the population of golden eagles in the South of Scotland is now tiny and fragmented. Scientific work already commissioned by our project team is pointing to reinforcement of this population through translocation as the best means of reviving the population. Our legacy will be a healthier and viable population of golden eagles in the South of Scotland, enjoyed and supported by local communities and land managers, and forming the basis for greatly enhanced eco-tourism opportunities and wider economic development. The SSGEP partnership organisation made up of SNH, RSPB, Buccleuch, Scottish Land & Estates, FCS and the Southern Upland Partnership



The SSGEP is hosted by the Southern Upland Partnership (SUP). The SUP has been developing and delivering projects across the south of Scotland for over 10 years. SUP has been involved with a number of successful LEADER projects in the Borders, Dumfries & Galloway, and Ayrshire, and regularly works in partnership with others. SUP staff have considerable experience of administering LEADER grants as well as funds from a wide range of other sources (including HLF and SNH). Annual turnover is usually around £350k but has previously exceeded £500k. SUP staff have been involved in

developing and delivering environmental projects including 'Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels', 'Biodiversity on the Edge' (Black Grouse) and work on Mountain Hares. The SUP has previously been awarded LEADER funding for a number of projects such as 'Wild Seasons', 'The Wild Film Festival', 'Revitalising Ettrick and Yarrow Valleys', 'Where's Wildlife in Ayrshire' and 'Building Opportunity in the Biosphere'. SUP currently manages the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere Initiative on behalf of a number of partners and it hosts the South West Scotland Environmental Information Centre (SWSEIC).

The SSGEP is looking for a team of experienced professional staff to help deliver the next five years of this exciting project.

Further Information

www.goldeneaglessouthofscotland.co.uk

www.sup.org.uk

This is a part time role up to 0.4 equivalent. The candidate will need to be flexible in hours and days worked.

Please send your completed application form to cat@sup.org or SUP

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Applications must arrive before 12 noon on January 12th. Interviews will likely be Thursday 25th January.

Job Title:	Stakeholder Engagement Officer (Part time)
Accountable to:	SSGEP Project Manager
Line management responsibility for:	none
Positions available	Part time role

Salary £18,500 - £22,000 Pro Rata (0.4 FT post)

Potential for a five year contract.

Job Purpose: To develop good relationships with stakeholders across the south of Scotland, raise awareness about the SSGEP.

Main Responsibilities:

- Develop relationships with stakeholders of the SSGEP across the South of Scotland.
- Establishing links with landowners, game keepers, farmers in South of Scotland.

General Responsibilities

- Assist other project staff with community/stakeholder events.
- Contribute to project reports and PR (website & Social media) where asked.
- Attending events and activities and in the community; liaising with other staff where necessary.
- Ensure that the SUP's policies and procedures are followed.
- Represent the project at all times.
- Promote the agreed goals of a partnership project.
- Undertake any other duties commensurate with objectives and grade of the post as directed by the project board.

PERSON SPECIFICATION: Stakeholder Engagement Officer

The specifications below are indicated as being essential (E) or desirable (D)

QUALIFICATIONS:

Full driving licence (E)

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF:

Ecology and wildlife of the British Isles (E)

Environmental stakeholders in Scotland (D)

The shooting industry in Scotland (E)

The partner organisations in the SSGEP (D)

Golden eagles and other raptors

RECENT AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCE OF:

Working in the game / land management industry (E)

Working on land with golden eagles or other raptors (D)

SKILLS - The post holder will need to be able to:

Manage their own workload effectively (E)

Ability to work independently or as part of a team building strong working relationships. (E)

Influencing and negotiation skills (D)

PERSONAL QUALITIES

Self-reliance and initiative (E)

Able to work effectively under pressure (E)

Work occasional weekends and evenings (E)

Experience of working with Golden Eagles (D)



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