

# **Appointment of Non-executive Trustee Director**

## **UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology**

Environmental science for a world where people and nature prosper

Closing date: 23 July 2021

## About the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology

The UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (UKCEH) is an independent, not-for-profit research institute carrying out excellent environmental science with impact. Our 500+ staff work to understand the environment, how it sustains life, and the human impact on it so that together, people and nature can prosper.

We have a long history of investigating, monitoring and modelling environmental change, generating evidence-driven solutions to complex environmental challenges. We provide the data and insights that governments, businesses and researchers need to create a productive, resilient and healthy environment.

Based across four UK sites in Bangor, Edinburgh, Lancaster and Wallingford, UKCEH has an annual budget of £50 million.



## How we are governed

The Centre for Ecology & Hydrology was formed in 2000 through a merger of four Natural Environment Research Council terrestrial and freshwater research institutes. In 2019, the Centre became independent from the Natural Environment Research Council and its parent organisation UK Research and Innovation, and was re-named the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology. The UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (UKCEH) is a registered Charity in England & Wales and in Scotland, and a registered Company Limited by Guarantee in England & Wales.

We remain a strategic delivery partner for the Natural Environment Research Council, part of UK Research and Innovation. Through our National Capability programmes, funded by UKRI-NERC, we enable the UK research community to stay at the forefront of environmental science globally, and we meet national strategic needs, informing government and business decision-making on environmental issues.

### **Our values**

We seek to create a working culture, which is inclusive and provides a sense of belonging. Our values set out the way we want to work together.

#### **Excellence**

Delivering world-class research and innovation addressing global environmental challenges; valued by stakeholders and meeting customer requirements.

#### Integrity

Maintaining the highest standards of research and professional ethics and impartiality.

#### **Teamwork**

Working together effectively with colleagues, partners and customers to achieve long-term success.

### The role

The UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology is seeking a highly experienced senior leader as a Non-executive Trustee Director. Working with our existing Board of eight Trustee Directors and the UKCEH Executive, you will help to shape and oversee the development of the organisation following its recent transition to a not-for-profit research institute.

You will assist with determining our future strategic direction, ensuring we meet our charitable aims. You will help us to build our reputation for excellent environmental science, partnering with organisations across borders, sectors and disciplines. In addition, you will support us to increase the impact of our science by engaging with businesses, policy-makers and environmental practitioners through collaborative co-design, co-delivery and commercialisation.

The Non-executive Trustee Director role is not remunerated, but expenses are provided for attending meetings.

## The person

We are looking for a senior leader with a clear vision for how UKCEH could enhance its standing as a world-leading research institute and increase the impact of its science.

You will be recognised internationally as an outstanding scientist in your own right and have in depth understanding of how to operate in the research funding environment, nationally and internationally.

You will have time to commit to four Board meetings per annum and to attending occasional UKCEH events.



## How to apply

To apply, please email the following documents to <u>Jayne Fields</u>, Resource and Operations Coordinator.

- 1. Your CV, in MS Word or PDF format.
- 2. A covering letter, a maximum of two A4 sides, highlighting relevant expertise.
- 3. A completed equality and diversity monitoring form (available from Jayne Fields). This information will be used for statistical monitoring purposes only. Those responsible for making selection decisions will not see the completed form.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview.

The Executive Director, <u>Professor Mark J Bailey</u>, welcomes informal queries from prospective applicants about this opportunity or about the mission of UKCEH.









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