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Get Out More seeks new Board Members

Get Out More is a small but growing social enterprise which wants people to get more out of life through getting outdoors more. We are seeking new board members who support our mission and who can bring their skills, knowledge and experience and to help us grow and achieve our vision.

Our Mission, Vision and Values

Our social mission is to help people engage with nature to feel better about themselves in mind and body and we do this through forest schools and outdoor learning programmes, creative and outdoor skills development and community engagement programmes for people of all ages.

Our vision is to generate wellbeing through positive outdoor experiences. We make a social impact by improving physical and mental health and encouraging personal development. As a community interest company we seek to extend opportunities to those at risk of poor physical and mental health in particular people from disadvantaged backgrounds and people affected by poverty, disability, addiction, homelessness, isolation and depression.

Our values are:

- Fun and Adventure; activity, accessibility and positivity
- Creativity; inspiration, innovation and resourcefulness
- Professionalism; reliability, effectiveness and quality
- Social responsibility; supporting individuals, communities and the environment

Background

Get Out More began in 2009 when Annie Berrington started running outdoor programmes as a freelancer. The company was incorporated in 2012 when it also became a Community Interest Company, a social enterprise which reinvests profits back into the community. We have a board of 4 non-executive directors, 2 paid employees and 12 freelance practitioners and volunteers delivering excellent programmes across West Yorkshire and beyond. The organisation undertakes a wide range of outdoor programmes for schools, community groups, voluntary and public sector organisations including Leeds City Council, Kirklees Council, The National Trust and Nidderdale AONB. We also run our own popular forest school programmes and family sessions across Bradford district.

Get Out More works with over 2000 individuals a year and receives excellent feedback from its participants and clients who tell us they love being active, feeling positive, being close to nature, making new friends and learning new skills (Participant survey 2014). In 2013 we were awarded Archimedes Training's 'Get Children Outdoor Award'.

Our turnover has grown year on year and we have ambitious plans to grow by taking on further contracted work, expanding our range of holiday and weekend programmes and by securing public sector procurement opportunities, for instance with health and social services.



Job Description

Get Out More is currently seeking to expand its Board of Directors and advisors who can help steer the organisation as we grow. While day-to-day operations are led by Annie Berrington, Get Out More's Managing Director, the Board provides leadership and strategic governance. Specific Board Member responsibilities include:

- Serving as a trusted advisor to the Managing Director as she develops and implements Get Out More's strategic plan
- Approving Get Out More's annual budget, audit reports, and material business decisions
- Being informed of, and ensuring the organisation meets all its legal responsibilities including financial reporting, safeguarding, health and safety and equal opportunities responsibilities
- Reviewing outcomes and evidence for evaluating Get Out More's impact, regularly measuring its performance and effectiveness against its objectives
- Providing specific advice and support to the Managing Director relating to their own expertise
- Representing Get Out More to stakeholders and acting as an ambassador for the enterprise
- Assisting in identifying and recruiting other Board members and advisors

Person specification

Get Out More is seeking Board members who have achieved leadership stature in business, public or third sectors (voluntary, community and social enterprise) who can help lead our organisation. Ideal candidates will have the following qualities:

- A commitment to Get Out More's vision and mission and an affinity with our approach
- Good interpersonal skills and strong abilities in cultivating relationships and persuading, advocating, facilitating, and building consensus among diverse individuals
- Personal qualities of integrity, credibility, and a passion for improving the lives of Get Out More's beneficiaries

We would be particularly pleased to hear from individuals who have experience and expertise in the following fields:

Health
Safeguarding
Business / social enterprise
Public sector procurement

Marketing
Finance
Law

Commitment

Service on Get Out More's Board is without remuneration, except for expenses in relation to Board Members' duties. The Board meets once a quarter and meetings are held 7.30-9pm in Bingley. Board members occasionally meet with the Managing Director to support on specific tasks in relation to their skills and expertise. We also have an annual away day which in line with our values, is something active, accessible and outdoors, and Christmas meal with staff and volunteers. We offer a fun and friendly environment with opportunities for professional development, personal fulfilment and a chance to make a real difference.

Application

If you would like more information please contact Annie Berrington (<mailto:annie@getoutmorecic.co.uk>) Interested parties will be invited to write and expression of interest and to observe a meeting and meet other Board members.

Next Board meeting is 16 April 2015, 7.30- 9.00pm at the Brown Cow in Bingley.

