



Development Manager – the Isle of Ulva (Argyll, Scotland)

The community of North West Mull (NWMWCW) has now acquired the Ulva Estate off the west coast of Mull, through the Community Right to Buy legislation. The acquisition project has attracted significant support both from the Scottish Government and from people around the world, who have become familiar with the story of the buyout through global press attention.

The objectives of the community acquisition are to manage the estate to provide sustainable benefits for the community in the short to medium term with a focus on repopulation of the island and ensuring community ownership delivers benefits for the wider North West Mull area as well as the island itself.

The community company recognises the challenges and opportunities of acquiring and developing the Estate. They wish to appoint an experienced and ambitious Development Manager who can work with the NWMWCW Board to take forward the opportunities identified in the Business Plan and Feasibility Study prepared for the buyout. These documents, together with further background on the NWMWCW organisation can be found at <http://nwmullwoodland.co.uk>.

The main objectives of this post, and outcomes to be delivered are:

- Work with the NWMWCW Board to develop the Island Business Plan to deliver the community acquisition objectives.
- Deliver the key projects prioritised in the Business Plan
- Assist the Board in securing funding for the priority projects
- Lead on consultation and engagement with the community in identifying projects and agreeing how management and operation of the island should proceed
- Lead on communications, marketing and ongoing promotion post-acquisition to encourage people to live and work on and visit Ulva.
- Lead on grant management and funder relationships to ensure ongoing support from public and private sector funders and create a sustainable income base for the Estate

- Support the Board in the efficient and effective management of the island's assets, including managing tenancies, creating new tenancies and identifying potential tenants for approval by the Board. The Development Manager will be supported by an Administration Officer for whom they will have line management responsibility.
- Take forward the Company's plans to provide new affordable housing by establishing constructive dialogue with planning authorities and other relevant bodies to establish a route to delivery of suitable plots on the island.
- Oversee and have line management responsibility for the work of the Housing Renovation Project Officer who will be appointed to manage the detailed day to day building and ancillary work required to bringing the existing housing stock back into use.
- Provide a first point of contact for potential supporters and partners in the acquisition of Ulva

The base for the role will be the Isle of Ulva. However, applicants may work from home or the Company's office in Dervaig.

A strong and frequent presence on the island itself will be a necessary pre requisite of the role with the opportunity to relocate to the island being seen as desirable if this suits the applicant's personal circumstances.

If the successful candidate wishes to live on Ulva from the start, we may be able to offer temporary rented accommodation after which one of the newly renovated leasehold properties could be allocated to the Dev Mgr.

The post may involve travel and a requirement for some overnight stays away from home. A budget will be made available for travel & subsistence costs.

Please contact admin@nwmullwoodland.co.uk for details of how to apply.

Closing date for receipt of applications – 26th October, 2018

Applications should be submitted by post, and a copy sent by e-mail.

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