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Board Recruitment Pack

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Welcome from the Chair

Thank you for your interest in joining UK100's Board.

As Chair, I am honoured to be part of an organisation that serves as a powerful catalyst in the UK's transition to net zero. UK100 is a unique and dynamic network, uniting elected leaders from across the political spectrum and representing communities nationwide - both urban and rural.

With a new government committed to impactful change, we are presented with an unprecedented opportunity to harness local authority power to drive meaningful climate action. We are passionate about advocating for our members, by promoting climate solutions that benefit all communities.

This is an exciting time to join our Board. Our refreshed leadership team is shaping our strategic direction for the coming years, and there are interesting funding opportunities to expand our work. Our strong relationships and insights position us to galvanise action on a national scale.

We seek exceptional individuals who can help guide UK100 through its next development phase. We welcome expertise in national and local government, housing, energy, and organisational growth.

As we look to the future, the work of our members and our role as a convener of local leaders are more critical than ever. We invite you to join us on this journey.

Jo Rogers

About Us

UK100 is the only network of locally-elected leaders that focuses on net zero. We bring together councils from across the country and the political divide to share knowledge, collaborate, and petition the UK government with their collective power. We represent all tiers of local government, bringing

together 115 local authorities committed to meeting net zero at least five years earlier than the government. Our members represent over 60% of the UK population, covering both urban and rural environments, and have the power to influence more than 80% of UK greenhouse gas emissions.

We are a small not-for-profit organisation that has an outsized impact. We are ambitious for change, collaborative in nature, principled and ever evolving to the changing political, technological and social landscape.

Why it is a good time to get involved

We need bold action to tackle climate change and achieve net zero now more than ever. The General Election has provided a unique opportunity to shape an ambitious Government's plan to drive growth and wholesale decarbonisation of the energy grid.

Our members are a key component to unlocking the government's missions. But we are moving from an era of political commitments into a period of delivery. By empowering local authorities to achieve net zero we will bring significant benefits to our communities and achieve a just transition. We are looking for strategic thinkers who are up for the challenge of empowering local action. Working with an ambitious team, we need Board Members who bring expertise in Fundraising, National Government, Housing and the Energy Sector.





Role Description

Board Member

Are you passionate about tackling climate change and supporting local authorities and communities to deliver on their climate ambitions?

Do you have experience with fundraising for climate action or of the challenges faced by local authorities to deliver on their net zero targets ?

Are you interested in supporting an ambitious, principled, collaborative and evolving team? If so, **join our Board of Directors** to work with like-minded people and make a significant difference to the UK's net zero transition.

We will particularly welcome applications from individuals from the Global Majority, as well as candidates experienced in one or more of the following:

- Fundraising and Finance
- Local Government
- National Government
- Experience in house building, planning or retrofit
- Experience in the Energy Sector



As a Board member you'll play a pivotal role in:

- Advocating for Local Net Zero and promoting UK100's mission.
- Contributing to the continuing development of the strategic direction of UK100 and providing constructive criticism as appropriate.
- Ensuring that UK100 pursues its stated objectives as laid out in its annual strategy and governing documents, as well as complies with its legal obligations and follows best practice.
- Ensuring that the necessary resources are in place and used effectively for UK100 to meet its objectives.
- Reviewing UK100's risk registers and ensuring that satisfactory actions are being taken to mitigate identified risks.
- Providing support to the CEO and Senior Leadership Team.

Other information:

- This is a voluntary position with reasonable expenses reimbursed.
- Average time commitment of 2 hours per month, including board meetings and team events.
- Opportunities for professional development and training sessions.

Key internal relationships:

- Fellow Board members and Chair. See list of current Board members here: uk100.org/board
- Chief Executive Officer
- Chief Operating Officer
- Director of Advocacy and Engagement
- Senior Grants Fundraising Officer

Key external relationships:

- Relevant business partners
- Potential donors, i.e. trusts and foundations
- Key political stakeholders

Person Specification

Knowledge

- Awareness of politics and policy on net zero and the climate emergency, and local challenges and opportunities for action
- Understanding of the structures and functions of local government in the UK

Experience & Skills

- A track record of strategic and policy development gained at Board or executive level
- A record of achievement in networking and willingness to engage contacts for the benefit of UK100
- Demonstrating high standards of corporate governance at all times.

Other: UK100 is actively taking steps towards developing new opportunities for people from a variety of backgrounds, ensuring that everybody has an equal opportunity and is not treated differently or discriminated against because of their characteristics. The post holder will be expected to echo and support this.

Closing Date: October 6th

Interviews to be held: November 19th and 21st

Application Details: Please send a CV (max 2 pages) and a cover letter that sets out what you could contribute to our Board (max 1 page) to jobs@uk100.org

