

## Opening to become Chair of the Wye and Usk Foundation

The Wye and Usk Foundation (WUF) is the largest rivers trust in England and Wales in terms of output. It is a charity concerned with ecology and, more specifically, restoring the habitat, water quality and fisheries of the rivers Wye and Usk and their catchments. Based at Talgarth, near Brecon the WUF works in partnership with other organisations and raises significant sums of money to remedy problems such as:

- habitat degradation,
- poor water quality and diffuse pollution,
- barriers to fish migration,
- over-exploitation of our fisheries and
- advancement of the public's education in the conservation of our rivers.

The WUF has been operational since 1996 and in recent years has a turnover of between £1m and £2m. The WUF has many stakeholders including a range of Welsh and UK government bodies, local authorities, charities and non-government organisations, research bodies and the landowning and farming communities (and individuals). For more information do go to <http://www.wyeuskfoundation.org>.

**The role of Chair** is becoming vacant because the current holder has fulfilled 5 invaluable years – we ask the Chairman to serve between 3 to 5 years.

The non-remunerated role of Chairman has the usual responsibilities that are associated with being the Chairman of a registered charity: for instance, s/he needs to

- ensure the Board of Trustees fulfills its responsibilities for the effective governance of the WUF,
- provide inclusive leadership to the Board so that it works as a unit and achieves the agreed objectives,
- support and challenge the Chief Executive in an assured and considered way to enhance the effectiveness of the WUF.

We want to build on WUF's strengths of the past and ensure that its future is even more successful, enabling WUF's vision of improved rivers for the benefit of all. We anticipate the Chairman:

- (like other Trustees) will be enthusiastic about the WUF, the future of our rivers and the landscape and communities through which they run.
- will understand River Trusts– or at least will have a broad knowledge and understanding of the Wye and Usk catchments or similar, their land use and associated current issues.
- will have experience of surefootedly operating at a senior strategic leadership level within an organisation.

Inevitably the relationship with the Chief Executive is very important, and having a constructive relationship with the WUF Founder will be valuable. Strong emotional intelligence, networking capabilities and the ability to recognise what is relevant, like many senior roles, will help you support the WUF and its team.

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There are three board meetings per year. In addition, the Chairman is expected to have regular meetings with the Chief Executive, and also represent the WUF at various events and meetings with key stakeholders. The commitment is likely to take 5 days a year, with a further 3 or 4 day's worth of calls and meetings as required.

There is more detail available if wanted.

We invite applications from people who not only meet the key elements but also find both the Wye and Usk Foundation's work and the Chair role of great interest and see the potential for enjoying the opportunity.