



LEGAL RESEARCHER FOR UKELA'S GOVERNANCE AND DEVOLUTION GROUP (GDG)

Background

UKELA is an educational charity that:

- Shares knowledge and best practice across a UK-wide membership network of legal practitioners, academics and students in public, private and voluntary sectors;
- Provides information on environmental rights and responsibilities to the public; and
- Comments to government and policy makers on ways to make better law for the environment.

UKELA's Governance and Devolution Group (GDG), comprised of leading environmental lawyers from academia, private practice, environmental consultancies and the Bar, was established in February 2020. Its predecessor, the Brexit Task Force (BTF) was set up in 2016 to ensure that UKELA engaged effectively in the Brexit process. Read more on our website: [Brexithomepage \(ukela.org\)](http://ukela.org).

The GDG's role is to co-ordinate and lead UKELA's work on environmental governance and devolution issues within a new, post-EU, environmental law and policy framework. Its Co-Chairs are Professor Colin Reid and Professor Eloise Scotford. The GDG reports directly to UKELA's Executive Committee and Council of Trustees. Read more about the work of the GDG on our website: [Governance and Devolution Group \(ukela.org\)](http://ukela.org).

Reporting Line

For day-to-day management and guidance, as well as priority-setting, the successful candidate will report to UKELA's Policy and Law Advisor, Dr Paul Stookes, and the Co-Chairs of the GDG, Professor Colin Reid and Professor Eloise Scotford. Reporting for line management purposes will be to UKELA's Executive Director, Alison Boyd.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

The role involves supporting UKELA and the GDG by undertaking and contributing to research activity in relation to the ongoing changes in the legal framework for environmental law arising as a result of the UK's departure from the European Union, including the following:

1. To undertake legal research as directed and assisted by the Law and Policy advisor to the GDG;
2. To conduct individual or collaborative research projects, including with UKELA's Working Parties;
3. To prepare, from time to time, reports and information to the GDG, including progress reports;
4. To work alongside the GDG (who will lead on submission) in the preparation of reports and submissions to external bodies, such as Parliamentary Committees and Government Departments, as appropriate;
5. Any other duties as may be assigned from time to time commensurate with the position.

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All duties will be appropriately and reasonably balanced for a role of 1 day per week.

Location

The successful applicant will be home-based. There may, as office working returns, be occasional in person meetings, but the applicant should assume that most meetings will be conducted via the Zoom platform.

Person Profile

Candidates must demonstrate:

- Relevant qualifications and project-based experience suitable to the role;
- A legal degree and/or legal professional qualification, and an interest in the environmental law field;
- Legal research skills;
- Strong IT skills used in a flexible and efficient way to support a wide range of research and collaborative tasks;
- Good communication skills, both written and verbal;
- A proactive and flexible attitude to work, with a strong commitment to member and stakeholder relations.

It is desirable that candidates have:

- Good knowledge of UK environmental law, and legal issues relating to Brexit.

Candidates should also be able to provide evidence of:

- Flexibility in their approach to work, consistent with the needs of a small, home-based staff organisation with a large volunteer network;
- An interest in, and aptitude for, “on the job” learning.

Work Pattern, Remuneration & Benefits

- 1 day per week (7.5 hours which can be worked flexibly throughout the week) for a fixed period of 12 months.
- Salary in the range £29,000 to £32,000 per annum pro rata to working hours for a suitably experienced candidate (i.e. £5,800 to £6,400 pa)
- Opportunity to enrol in pension scheme
- Annual leave: 28 days plus statutory holidays pro-rata to contracted hours (6 days)
- Home-based role. It is expected that the successful candidate will have the relevant IT equipment, but if not, this will be provided as appropriate or a contribution paid towards costs.

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Additional Information

This role is for an initial period of 12 months. There may be an opportunity for an extension of this period, subject to workload and budget; and will be kept under review.

Application and Interview Timetable

Please send a CV and succinct covering letter explaining your suitability for this role to UKELA's Executive Director, Alison Boyd at alison@ukela.org by midday on 20 October 2021. Interviews will be held during weeks commencing 25 October and 1 November via the Zoom platform. For an informal discussion about any aspect of this role, please email Dr Paul Stookes at paul@ukela.org to arrange a suitable time. Start date is expected to be around the end of November, start of December, on a mutually agreeable date.

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