

Non Executive Director vacancy

An exciting opportunity has arisen for the appointment of an experienced, creative and talented Non Executive Director to join the Board of the flagship Aberystwyth Innovation and Enterprise Campus (AberInnovation) Ltd.

AberInnovation is the newest member of the UK Research & Innovation bioscience Campus family. A new 3,500m² facility at the Gogerddan site of Aberystwyth University, near the Bow Street train station, AberInnovation has been supported by investments of £44.5m from the European Regional Development Fund, the UKRI Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) and Aberystwyth University. AberInnovation supports the UK in meeting the grand challenges of food security and climate change and is already a focal point for entrepreneurs, early stage and growing companies to work together with academic experts to develop new products and services. The state of the art facilities include a Future Food Centre, a Biorefining Centre and an Advanced Analysis Centre, and are designed as a 'first of their kind' capability for bringing biorefining and food development together in shared food grade environments.

The successful candidate will play a key role in the continued shaping of the strategy for the Limited Company as the Campus activities mature and will participate in developing the pivotal role that the Company will play in the Mid Wales economy and the wider UK innovation ecosystem

The Non Executive Director will help shape the overall strategic direction of the Company; will ensure that the statutory and governance duties of the Company are discharged effectively; and that the interests of the shareholders are properly considered. The Company is looking to this new appointment to support a culture of continual improvement, ambition and rapid progress.

AberInnovation is particularly interested in candidates with expert knowledge and skills in one or more of the following areas:

- disruption and innovation in the food, drink, agriculture and/or bioeconomy sectors
- creative solutions for research and development in public:private partnerships
- cluster and/or innovation ecosystem development
- strategic partnerships and commercialisation from higher education

In return for high performance and delivery of the role, we will provide remuneration of up to £6,500 per annum plus reasonable travel expenses. Our ideal candidate(s) will have Board level experience and a deep appreciation of the challenges and rewards of research and innovation goals in the UK and the public:private sector working required to achieve these goals.

A job description is available by visiting <https://www.aberinnovation.com/en/working-with-us/jobs/>. For informal discussion about this opportunity please contact Dr Rhian Hayward MBE, CEO, at rih@aber.ac.uk m: 07715 284608.

To apply please send your CV with covering letter to julie@jghrsolutions.co.uk. Closing date for applications is Monday 2nd October 2023. Interviews are planned to take place on November 23rd 2023 in Aberystwyth.