



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

Natural England Board member: Science specialism

Do you want to ensure the protection and improvement of the natural environment for future generations? We are looking for an exceptional person with a science background to join Natural England as a non-executive Board member.

Natural England plays an important role as the government's adviser for the natural environment in England, helping to protect England's nature and landscapes for people to enjoy and for the services they provide.

All Natural England Board members have an essential role in setting the strategic direction and providing stewardship of the public funds and environmental outcomes entrusted to Natural England.

The Secretary of State is seeking applications for a new Natural England Board member to join the Board in June 2016. Candidates will have a demonstrable ability to see the bigger picture, experience of driving forward substantial change, and a collaborative style which commands the confidence of Ministers, fellow Board members and other senior figures as well as a wide range of stakeholders and be an excellent ambassador for Natural England.

To complement the skills of existing Board members, applicants must also have knowledge and expertise in a scientific field relevant to the work of Natural England, such as the natural and/or ecological/environmental/marine sciences.

The time commitment will be up to 36 days per year, and the remuneration £328 per day. Board meetings are held across the country

We actively encourage applications from individuals from a wide range of backgrounds, especially those from black and minority ethnic backgrounds who are currently underrepresented on the Board. Defra operates a Guaranteed Interview Scheme for disabled people.

The UK Government is committed to improving the diversity of the boards of their public bodies and welcome applications irrespective of race, ethnic or national origin, sex, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, religion, religious beliefs or similar philosophical belief, age, gender re-assignment or community background.

All public appointments are based on the principle of merit.

Further information is available at <https://publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/appointment/natural-england-board-member/>, or by emailing publicappts@defra.gsi.gov.uk, quoting reference **PAPPT 016/15**.

The closing date for applications is **12.00 noon on 9th February 2016**.

Interviews are expected to be held on 14th and 19th April 2016.

