



## Scottish Waterways Trust Overview

As the country's only national waterways charity, Scottish Waterways Trust creates brighter futures for people, communities and wildlife, utilising the wonderful assets of Scotland's canals as our inter-active environment.

We connect people with the place, by embracing and nurturing the heritage, wildlife and green open spaces of our canals through pioneering and innovative projects, thus helping to ensure that our inland waterways continue to be a valuable resource for everyone.

We operate with the support of a range of partners, drawn from across the public, private and social sectors of Scotland's economy and with their help we have established impactful projects to match the quality of the landmarks which have been installed across Scotland's canal network.

We help young people gain the skills and confidence to find work; bring vibrancy, life and opportunities to some of the nation's most disadvantaged communities; encourage people to get active and improve their health and mental wellbeing; and safeguard and improve the rich heritage and environments of Scotland's canals.

Our work in delivering significant socio-economic benefit to the people who engage through our programmes and projects is matched by that which we achieve in assisting the physical regeneration of Scotland's canals, e.g. transforming access-ability to/ from and across the canal network.

### Developing into the Future

With ever-increasing competition for grant funding, SWT needs to become more entrepreneurial and actively seek out new opportunities for commercial income.

The objective for the Trust in 2018/19 is to develop the Inclusive Growth Gateway Strategy.

The key elements are:

- Develop canal-based Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Edinburgh and Falkirk, and contribute to BID development in North Glasgow
- Develop two additional gateways at Inverness and Bowling
- Increase business opportunities and facilitate closer working with public agencies to develop new ways of improving the area, reducing vacancies and increasing footfall in each area
- Continue to deliver our core organisational priorities of Learning & Skills Development, Health, Communities & Regeneration and Environment & Heritage, with a longer-term aim to align their work to the Inclusive Growth Gateways

### Our Future and Your Opportunity

Scottish Waterways Trust firmly believes the strength of our organisation lies in our people, our staff, volunteers and board.

We are now seeking dynamic trustees to help shape and deliver our vision, achieve our financial targets and create brighter futures for people and places across Scotland.

In addition to the personal requirements outlined in the Job Description, trustee candidates should have a strong network of influential contacts and a commitment to act as ambassadors and create new opportunities for Scottish Waterways Trust.



We are interested to hear from individuals with strong business acumen and a clear understanding of good governance within the Charity sector.

We are particularly interested in people with experience in any of the following:

- Health and social care
- Heritage
- Skills development / employability
- Income diversification / social enterprise development
- Community development
- Economic development / corporate sector

If you have the skills, expertise and drive we are seeking, then Scottish Waterways Trust offers the opportunity for you to contribute to a truly unique organisation, with a national profile and an exciting future

If you would like to apply, please send your CV and a covering letter to [doreen@scottishwaterwaystrust.org.uk](mailto:doreen@scottishwaterwaystrust.org.uk)  
If you would an informal discussion regarding this opportunity, then Ross Martin can be contacted on 07971 906084.

Further information regarding Scottish Waterways Trust can be found on our website at [www.scottishwaterwaystrust.org.uk](http://www.scottishwaterwaystrust.org.uk) and by following us on Twitter @ScotWaterways.