

## **Community Asset Transfer Scheme for Scotland's National Forest Estate Evaluation Panel Member**

**Forest Enterprise Scotland is looking for seven members to form the independent Evaluation for the Community Asset Transfer Scheme (CATS) for Scotland's National Forest Estate. Appointment is for a 3 year period, with the option to re-appoint. It is anticipated the Panel will meet no more than 4 times a year, depending on the level of applications and will be remunerated at £230 day; the position is also eligible for applicable expenses.**

The Evaluation Panel will assess Asset Transfer Requests received under CATS. CATS sets out how Forest Enterprise Scotland will deliver the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, and build on the successes and lessons from the National Forest Land Scheme to continue to support community empowerment. Your role will be to assess community proposals for asset transfer against the CATS criteria, and make recommendations to allow Forest Enterprise Scotland to determine the best value for the asset transfer. You may also be asked to carry out a site visit to community projects as part of the assessment.

You'll make an effective contribution the Panel, providing high quality advice based on sound judgement, and enjoy working with others. You'll preferably have particular knowledge and experience in at least one of the following: land management; rural development; forestry; sustainable development; renewable energy; community development; financial management; housing; land reform; conservation. Panel members must act with honesty and integrity, provide impartial advice, and be committed to the principles of public service (for details refer to: <http://www.civilservice.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/civil-service-code-2010.pdf>)

The application form can be downloaded from the website [URL] or please email: **rebecca.carr@forestry.gov.uk** or write to **Rebecca Carr, Forest Enterprise Scotland, Silvan House, 231 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh EH12 7AT.**

Applications should be submitted to the above address no later than **noon on 9 January 2017**. All correspondence will be treated in strictest confidence.

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