

Job Description and Person Specification: Green Flag Award Scheme Judge

Keep Scotland Beautiful – Your charity inspiring action for our environment

Our Vision	A clean, green, sustainable Scotland.
Our Mission	To inspire changes in behaviour to improve our environment, the quality of people's lives, their wellbeing and the places that they care for.
Our Values	<p>We are Collaborative – we believe in collaboration and the power of working in partnership with a cross section of society.</p> <p>We are Positive – about the changes that people, communities and organisations can make.</p> <p>We are Ambitious – and will match the environmental challenges we face with positive action.</p> <p>We are Innovative – and ensure our work develops to meet the needs of those we aim to inspire and support.</p> <p>We are Influential – we use our influence to support others make environmental improvements.</p>
Our Way	<p>Community engagement – We support, celebrate and recognise the achievements of those taking positive action to protect and enhance our natural and built heritage.</p> <p>Climate Action Schools – We provide education initiatives for children, young people and educators to help you understand the challenges our environment faces and to empower you to take positive action.</p> <p>Campaigns – We raise awareness of the challenges our environment faces, gather evidence and inspire everyone to rethink behaviours and take positive action.</p> <p>Training, assessments and awards – We support you to understand, fulfil and exceed your environmental responsibilities using bespoke training, audits and assessments. We celebrate your success with awards.</p>

Job Title:	Green Flag Award Scheme Judge
Job Grading:	Volunteer
Location:	Various
Reporting to:	Environment and Place Services Coordinator

Job Purpose

The Green Flag Award scheme is the recognised international standard for parks and green spaces. It is a benchmark against which the quality of freely accessible public parks and green spaces can be measured and demonstrates that not only is the park / green space environmentally sound, but it is well used, managed and held in high regard. The scheme is managed on behalf of the UK Government Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities.

Judges are essential to the effective operation of the scheme. You will act as an independent arbiter of the scheme providing the crucial link between the park / green space users and the managers of the scheme itself. This is a voluntary role, although travel expenses are reimbursed.

Key Responsibilities

1. Assess and judge allocated sites within specified timeframes
2. Receive and administer applications in accordance with the Green Flag Award procedure to specified deadlines
3. Liaise with co-judges and applicants
4. Comply with the Green Flag Award procedures and policies at all times
5. Maintain your Judges record
6. At all times, uphold the integrity of the scheme and consistency of the judging process
7. Promote and advocate the improvement of park and green space standards
8. Commit to judging a minimum of two sites per year
9. Maintain confidentiality at all times
10. Utilise the judging process as an opportunity for personal and professional development
11. Maintain professional proficiency through continued attendance at Green Flag Award training sessions
12. Support the development of new judges through the mentoring programme

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	Essential	Desirable
Education / Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SCQF Level 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Relevant higher education ▪ Good understanding of landscape design/history ▪ Good understanding of architecture
Experience / Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Able to demonstrate a good breadth of knowledge of the parks and green space sector. ▪ Experience of writing or working with park or green space management plans ▪ Excellent written and oral communication skills ▪ Excellent analytical skills ▪ Excellent report writing skills ▪ Excellent interpersonal skills ▪ Computer literacy ▪ Ability to travel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Experience in a relevant sector e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Authority, or similar, parks department • Countryside Management • Landscape Architecture • Community Development • Horticulture • Environmental consultancy • Arboriculture • Conservation ▪ Involvement in a relevant activity outside main occupation e.g. voluntary work ▪ Able to demonstrate personal achievement in a relevant context. ▪ Able to provide effective support for inexperienced colleagues
Values and Attitudes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commitment to the aims and objectives of Keep Scotland Beautiful; combat climate change, tackle litter and waste, restore nature and biodiversity and improve places ▪ Values: Collaboration, Positivity, Ambition, Innovation, Influential ▪ Commitment to fair, inclusive, equal opportunities and healthy and safe working practices ▪ Able to exercise discretion in handling confidential and sensitive information 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Willingness to participate in training and consultation sessions 	