

## Vacancy: Shetland Space Centre Sustainability Officer

It's an exciting time to be part of the team at Shetland Space Centre and the SaxaVord Spaceport in Unst, the UK's most northerly island. We are recruiting for two graduate posts, a Sustainability Officer and an Education Officer.

### Background

- The SaxaVord Spaceport is the UK's first vertical launch spaceport. The vertical launch programme is of historic significance to the UK and closes the full range of space offerings to the world in conjunction with satellite & rocket manufacturing and data driven innovation.
- The SaxaVord Spaceport will be the location where the historic Pathfinder launch will take place in 2022. The Pathfinder launch will bring together all elements of the UK space sector to "path-find" for the UK in order to establish a UK "one-stop shop" for the global space industry.
- The UK space sector has a recognised gap in Space sustainability, and in particular the ecology and environmental aspects of Space and land based space operations.
- Scotland intends to position itself as a Space Sustainable Nation and unveil its Space sustainability strategy during the World Expo in Dubai at the end of October and our intent is to nest within that strategy.
- As the UK's lead Spaceport, SaxaVord intends to also lead on developing a green spaceport.

Our latest vacancy provides an opportunity for Sustainability Officer to be involved from the start as SaxaVord Spaceport develops its green credentials.

The key roles and responsibilities within these key areas are:

- Undertake desk-based research to understand the importance of sustainability and space, and the relevance and priority for SaxaVord Spaceport.
- Understand the existing environmental impact assessment that was submitted as part of the planning application submitted to Shetland Islands Council (SIC).
- Identify the lead organisations, academic institutions and ecology watchdogs relevant to SaxaVord Spaceport's sustainability efforts.
- Become an active member of the SIC Economy, Environment, and Community Working Group.
- Develop links with the local independent environmental oversight body SOTEAG.
- Become a point of contact as face of SaxaVord's Space Sustainability Program.
- Coordinate a sustainability communications strategy for Saxavord Spaceport.
- Contribute to a developing sustainability strategy for Saxavord Spaceport.

### Candidate Experience:

Due to the funding requirements of this post - which is part-funded by HIE - applicants must be a graduate, and have graduated within the last four years.

It is expected that the candidate will have a degree in a Sustainability related subject/Science/Social Science or Business Management.

Direct experience of a Sustainability Project introducing a baseline strategy or project to a business/group/organisation would be advantageous.

An understanding of the Space is not essential but an interest in the developing Space Sector and how SaxaVord Spaceport will play a part in that is vital.

**Candidate skills:**

The ideal candidate will be a self-starter with a strong ability to work alone if required.

An ability to undertake research and develop plans and proposals for consideration by the line manager with fixed timings is essential.

The ability to work as part of a team is also important, and a challenge at times as many members work remotely.

With several public-facing duties, including community engagement, the successful candidate must be comfortable with public speaking in front of various groups and stakeholders.

As the Spaceport is at the start of developing its sustainability strategy being comfortable with research, data collection and analysis is important.

A strong attention to detail is essential for developing new ideas and proposals.

Lastly, much of the on-going work of the team is new because the UK Space launch sector is new and so an enthusiasm for innovative ways of working should be at the forefront of any plans.

**Contract:**

This is a fixed term contract for 12 months and has a salary of £25,000, based on a working week of 37.5 hours. Working during the weekend or on evenings will be involved.

The successful candidate will report to Yvette Hopkins, Director of Partnerships and Innovation, but be closely involved with many of the team.

**Additional details:**

The position is Shetland-based. Temporary accommodation may be available at Saxa Vord in a shared staff house for a short time.

The deadline for starting the role is November 1<sup>st</sup>, however a start date in mid-October would be preferred.

**How to apply:**

Please send your CV to [hr@shetlandspacecentre.com](mailto:hr@shetlandspacecentre.com) by 12:00pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Ensure that you include contact details for two referees (one personal one last work experience or academic). If you wish to apply for both graduate posts, please submit a CV for each role.

Further information regarding the roles can be obtained from [Yvette.hopkins@shetlandspacecentre.com](mailto:Yvette.hopkins@shetlandspacecentre.com)