**Europarc Trustee**

This is a great opportunity for a protected area member of staff or those involved in protected areas, to become involved as a trustee/ board member of Europarc Atlantic Isles and a good personal development role

**What is Europarc Atlantic Isles?**

[EUROPARC Atlantic Isles](https://www.europarc-ai.org/) brings together organisations and individuals, who manage protected areas in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and the Republic of Ireland and is a section of the EUROPARC Federation. Our members bring with them a wealth of experience and expertise from national parks, regional parks, National Landscapes, local authorities, government agencies and non-governmental organisations.

We aim to use our strong European and international connections to promote good practice and policy with a core principle of knowledge leadership in protected area management, for the benefit of the public good.

**Role of Board Member**

The role of a board member is to carry out the responsibilities of a trustee of the charity **Europarc Atlantic Isles** (EAI). As a charity trustee there are certain legal responsibilities to be undertaken:

* Act in your charity’s best interests
* Manage your charity’s resources responsibly
* Act with reasonable care and skill

A board member is appointed for a term of three years and can be reappointed for another term. Some board members may have a specific role such as Treasurer.

As a board member we would expect trustees to:

* inform the debate around the activities of EAI
* develop certain areas of work from time to time
* represent EAI in their particular area (geographic/thematic)
* act as an ambassador on behalf of EAI
* Encourage new members
* attend board meeting 4 times a year – 2 face to face and 2 conference calls and your organization to cover travel costs

The details of or current Board Members are set out [here](https://www.europarc-ai.org/about-us/)

**Process to recruit new board members.**

* EAI will place a general or specific Role profile on its website in the newsletter and promote to member organisations inviting applications for the role.
* Applications to be received by **22nd February 2024 and sent to** **mailto:Anita.Prosser@europarc-ai.org**
* Role to commence 1 April 2024.
* Applications will be assessed via a CV initially. A follow-up face-to-face meeting may be considered.
* Applications will be assessed by a subgroup from the board. This subgroup may co-opt a non-Board Member to assist with the recruitment.
* EAI may actively go out and target potential board members.

**Skills and knowledge required.**

* Knowledge of Environmental bodies operating across the EAI area.
* Awareness and understanding of the issues facing these bodies in at least one of the Countries covered by EAI.
* Negotiation and advocacy
* Financial management, charity governance, company governance.
* Good interpersonal skills to deal effectively with a wide range of groups and individuals.
* Enthusiastic, self-motivated, diplomatic and flexible.
* Knowledge of the political and strategic context in which Protected areas operate.
* Interest in wider European environmental issues

We would particularly welcome applications from people representing views from Wales; and also those from the under-represented and under-supported sectors of our communities, especially young people (either being a young person, or someone actively involved in the youth voice),  and/or people from minority ethnic backgrounds (aka the Global Majority)