

## **CHAIR OF WALES TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY SKILLS PARTNERSHIP**

A vacancy exists for a Chair for the Wales Tourism & Hospitality Skills Partnership, established to identify issues relating to the training, development and retention of staff in the Tourism and Hospitality sectors in Wales and to promote solutions to the relevant agencies.

Tourism and Hospitality is a key sector in the Welsh economy and accounts for 6 per cent of the country's GVA and employs around 140,000 people. The Welsh Government is determined that visitor numbers continue to grow and recognises that a compelling and attractive employment proposition is central to this aim.

The Chair will represent the interests of the sector at the UK Tourism and Hospitality Skills Board which has been established as part of the UK Tourism Sector Deal.

The Wales Tourism and Hospitality Skills Partnership brings together industry leaders and representatives from all parts of the Education sector and Careers Service. It seeks to enable and project a comprehensive strategy for learning, qualifications and apprenticeship standards to be developed and assist and enable the sector to offer rewarding and attractive careers to potential staff of all ages and backgrounds in the years to come.

The Industry-led Partnership at present meets on a quarterly basis and each meeting numbers about 12-15 people. Visit Wales, Welsh Government, sits on the Partnership and provides the Secretariat function.

The ideal candidate will bring proven leadership experience in a customer facing environment and understand the central importance of staff development and retention. Experience of the Education and Careers service would be highly desirable, together with an insight into effective partnership working in Wales. This is an important strategic appointment for the sector and the Chair will have a clear opportunity to help the Tourism and Hospitality sector in Wales grow and develop its skills base in the coming years.

The role of Chair is unremunerated although reasonable travelling expenses for servicing the above duties will be reimbursed. The appointment will be for a three year period and is renewable.

Interested candidates should write enclosing a CV to David Chapman,  
Executive Director of HospitalityCymru at:

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to arrive no later than 5pm Monday, February 7, 2022.

It is envisaged that interviews will be held on Monday, March 7, 2022.