



Dedicated, passionate and enthusiastic Board Member required!

Bats without Borders is looking for a new Board Member to support our activities, primarily in fundraising and strategic partnership work.

Location: Home-based, if possible occasional face-to-face meetings in central Scotland

Website: www.batswithoutborders.org
(please note our website is currently being updated)

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Closing date: midnight 19th JANUARY 2022

Description

We are looking to appoint a new board member to support our activities. This role will focus largely on supporting our fundraising efforts to ensure we have the capacity and skills to grow our NGO. The role is home-based and an unpaid voluntary position.

Availability and commitment

Board members need to be able to attend four board meetings per year, and to participate in the activities of the organisation between board meetings, to advise the operational team and be a Bats without Borders ambassador. Board meetings are currently held quarterly on Friday afternoons via Zoom.

This position would be for a period of three years (term can be renewed after this time).

About **Bats without Borders**

Bats without Borders was founded in 2013, as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) regulated by OSCR (the Scottish charity regulator). We work across southern Africa covering four main areas: applied research, conservation advocacy, engagement and capacity strengthening.

Our Vision

Bats and their habitats in southern Africa are valued, protected and conserved for the well-being of bats, biodiversity and people.



Our Mission

Bats without Borders is dedicated to conserving bats, biodiversity and healthy ecosystems within southern Africa's changing landscape. We will achieve this by supporting and conducting applied research that informs targeted conservation action, strengthening local capacity and promoting a positive attitude towards bats through public engagement.

Our Commitments

Bats without Borders will strive to:

- **PROTECT** bat diversity and habitats by advocating for policy change with key stakeholders across southern Africa, informed by collaborative, evidence-based and ethical research.
- **RESTORE** important natural habitats through conservation action informed by evidence-based research, in collaboration with African and international partners.
- **ENGAGE** ecologists, researchers and conservationists across Africa to mobilise and protect their natural heritage through capacity strengthening and networking.
- **INSPIRE** people in southern Africa to learn, better understand, appreciate and even love bats through inclusive, participatory and fun education and community engagement.
- **EMPOWER** people to create and realise more sustainable livelihood strategies that both contribute to the alleviation of poverty and the conservation of key ecosystems and biodiversity.

About the role

We are recruiting a board member that will bring a range of skills and experience to the Bats without Borders team. We are ideally looking for an individual who can support our fundraising. In the current climate, we need now more than ever to strengthen in-country capacity and work with communities to secure a future for bats, biodiversity and people. We are looking for an individual who will be able to work with our team to identify funding opportunities and develop funding proposals. This role will be a challenging but rewarding opportunity to make a significant difference to conservation in southern Africa while also making a socio-economic impact.

Key duties will include:

- Attending four board meetings per year
- Identifying new fundraising opportunities, working both with industry, groups and individuals.
- Working with the Chair of the Board and Principal Officer to develop our fundraising strategy
- Proactively working with the fundraising volunteer team to draft and submit proposals



About you

We are looking for an experienced, enthusiastic and outgoing individual to help us to increase our income and fundraising supporter base. The individual will be an excellent communicator and be able to build effective working relationships with a diverse range of people and organisations. An essential part of the role is to be motivated to support our fundraising efforts. You will be very organised, an excellent communicator, adaptable, proactive and forward-thinking. If you are passionate and motivated to support a micro conservation charity to develop and grow, in order to expand our impact across southern Africa, we would love to hear from you!

Skills, experience and knowledge

Essential

- fundraising experience
- willingness to act as an ambassador for Bats without Borders
- commitment to fulfil the duties and standards required by best practice charity governance and in line with OSCR (the Scottish charity regulator) guidelines.
- an understanding of and commitment to equality, inclusion, and diversity issues
- excellent organisational skills
- excellent communication skills
- cultural literacy
- friendly and supportive approach to dealing with people
- adaptable and flexible approach to work
- proactive and forward-thinking approach to fundraising

Desirable

- an interest in conservation and/or bats
- experience of living/working in southern Africa
- creative thinking

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Bats without Borders is committed to reducing inequality, valuing diversity and enabling inclusion. We are an equal opportunity organisation, and strive to ensure positions are accessible to all, regardless of race, nationality, ethnicity, age, disability, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation or identity, religion, marital or parental status.



Application Process

If you would like to join our passionate team, please send a CV (2 pages) and cover letter (max 2 pages) outlining: (1) why you feel you are suitable for the position, and (2) why you would like to join the Bats without Borders Board to Rachael at rachael@batswithoutborders.org.

The closing date for the receipt of completed applications is **Wednesday 19th January 2022**.

We will get in touch with all applicants to let you know the outcome, and for those shortlisted we will arrange a conversation with one of our Trustees and the Principle Officer.

Thank you for your interest in this post!