

United Downs Deep Geothermal Power project

Community Relations Manager

Geothermal Engineering Ltd (GEL) has secured funding from the European Regional Development Fund and Cornwall Council to investigate the deep geothermal resources in Cornwall and to develop the first geothermal power project in the UK, at its site on the United Downs Industrial Estate, near Redruth.

The project will involve the drilling and testing of two deep boreholes and, if successful, the construction of a small pilot power plant.

GEL takes its responsibility to, and relationship with, the community very seriously and is seeking to appoint a Community Relations Manager to guide and oversee this aspect of the project.

Job Description

The Community Relations Manager (CRM) will be responsible for implementing GEL's policies with respect to community liaison and public relations.

The role will include developing and maintaining relationships with community leaders and media representatives, as well as establishing and maintaining positive relationships with interested members of the public. The CRM will ensure that the project's engagement with the local community is managed effectively and transparently and will be the first point of contact for members of the public.

The CRM will be part of a small project management team, reporting directly to the Project Manager, and will share time between the project office in Falmouth and the site office at United Downs.

The role is expected to be 35 hours per week but hours can be flexible to suit the right candidate.

The initial contract will be for a period of 12 months, commencing as soon as possible. A possible extension to the contract will be discussed during the last 3 months, depending on progress of the project.

Salary will be in the range £22 to £25k, depending on experience.

Experience and qualification requirements

The successful applicant must be able to demonstrate:

- At least 5 years' experience in communications, education or the media
- Strong personal and communications skills
- A positive approach to community relations and the challenges of communicating unfamiliar technology to the public at large
- An ability to deal with any public concerns that may arise from the project and maintain excellent communication skills when under pressure
- Experience of public speaking and presentations
- A valid UK licence and own transport

Preference will be given to candidates who can also demonstrate:

- A keen interest in developing the renewable energy sector, in particular geothermal, and building a sustainable future for Cornwall.
- Experience in the preparation of briefing materials, press releases, presentation materials and written communications

Technical experience in the energy sector, earth sciences, drilling, or engineering is not essential but would be considered an advantage as will knowledge of the local area or similar communities.

Please send a CV and any other supporting information to the email below by 6th May, 2018:

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