Opportunity to join the National Environmental Isotope Facility (NEIF) Strategy Group

NERC underpins its commitment to excellence in environmental research with the provision of access to high quality facilities. The British Geological Survey (BGS) manages a subset of the NERC facilities on behalf of NERC and relies on advice from the science community to manage and govern the facilities and ensure that they support high quality science.

BGS is inviting applications for membership of the National Environmental Isotope Facility Strategy Group (NEIF SG). NEIF is a recently commissioned facility that replaces several former NERC facilities (AIF, CIAF, ICSF, LSMSF, NIGL, NRCF), and provides an integrated platform of state-of-the-art isotope bio-geochemistry analytical capability and expertise in life science and chronology & environmental tracers. Further information can be found at http://www.isotopesuk.org/.

We are currently looking for someone to join NEIF SG with expertise in Ecology or Conservation Biology.

Meetings will normally be twice a year with one meeting in person and one online. Business outside these formal meetings will be conducted via email. NEIF SG members will serve for a term of up to four years with possibly a maximum extension of a further two years. Travel and subsistence expenses that are incurred during committee business will be reimbursed in line with NERC policy.

To apply, please send a CV (max 2 sides of A4) to Adele Gardner (adga@bgs.ac.uk) which should include current job title, scientific expertise, previous or current usage of any NERC facility, motivation for applying, up to 5 recent publications and any leadership, management, governance or strategic planning experience including relevant committee involvement. A covering letter is allowed if any of this is absent from the CV.

Deadline for applications is 16.00 on 23 September 2021.

NERC/BGS strives to be diverse and inclusive place where we can all be ourselves. We particularly encourage applications from women, disabled and those who identify as Black, Asian or from a Minority Ethnic background, as these groups are underrepresented throughout the Natural and Environmental Sciences.

For reasons of vested interests, we are unable to accept applications from:

- (i) individuals based at institution(s) hosting NEIF facilities including: University of Bristol, British Geological Survey (BGS), UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (UKCEH), University of Oxford and Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre (SUERC)
- (ii) heavy users of NEIF (i.e. those that have submitted more than three applications for separate projects as the PI over the last three years).

Please note we will take into consideration institutional representation already on the committee when selecting the new member. Current committee membership can be found <u>online</u>.

If you require further information or have any queries, please contact the current NEIF SG chair Prof. Ian Hall (hall@cardiff.ac.uk).