Contract Opportunity: **Coastal Woodlands Project Development Support**

Days: flexible & variable to suit, but approx 2 days/week.

Contract length : November 2026 to 31/03/27 (i.e. 5 months)

(part time/job share options considered – please specify any availability constraints in the expression of interest).

Dumfries & Galloway Woodlands (DGW) is a relatively new charity, but we have ambitious goals. We want to plant the next generation of native trees, we want to provide a local and tangible response to the biodiversity and climate crises, and we want the region to get the maximum possible benefit from the transition to net zero.

We are excited to be part of the Solway Coast & Marine Landscape Connections project (SCAMP) (https://www.solwaycoastmarine.co.uk/). SCAMP, supported by a range of parnters including The National Lottery Heritage Fund, will oversee up to ten years of activity along the Solway Coast. This work focusses on a number of key habitats, including 'Coastal Woodlands'.

SCAMP is in its development phase, running to March 2027, and DGW is compiling an exciting range of projects that will allow us to better understand and celebrate our coastal woodlands, and harnessing their potential to support ecological restoration and economic development. The SCAMP delivery phase will run from January 2028 onwards.

We are now advertising a contract opportunity for someone to help the DGW team for a five month period to help us compile and refine the Coastal Woodland proposed projects. This builds on work to date and gives capacity for further project development, including engaging relevant partners, identifying and even securing potential match funding opportunities and presenting a cohesive case for the proposed work.

How to Apply

Applications welcomed! Please send an up-to-date CV, a short (max one page) covering note outlining relevant experience and proposed approach to the role, and indication of your daily contract rate (maximum: £300 per day) to mcnabb.laurie@dgwoodlands.org.uk **by 9am on 02nd November**.
Please include any availability constraints or part time/job share interests in the covering note.
If you would like to ask any question or discuss the contract, feel free to contact McNabb on 07538 798837.

This work is advertised on a contract basis, this will not be an employee of Dumfries & Galloway Woodlands. Payment schedule is TBC, but we are suggesting a monthly invoice based on days worked. This role funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund's Landscape Connections Scheme, made possible by Lottery Players around the UK.

CONTRACT OPPORTUNITY

Title: Coastal Woodlands Projects Support		**Location:** Flexible, but regular meetings in Balmaclellan
	FTE: 0.4 – variable/flexible on a week to week basis but equating to approx 2 days per week.	**Contract:** Until 31 March 2027.
Responsible To:	Dumfries & Galloway Woodlands (DGW) Manager.	
Responsible For:	Any subcontractors as required/agreed.	
Contract Purpose:	**To build on Coastal Woodland project development work to date and to develop further a suite of Coastal Woodlands projects for consideration as part of the Solway Coast & Marine Landscape Connections Project (SCAMP).**	

Contract Ambitions:

1. SCAMP is currently in its development phase, running to March 2027. SCAMP will then submit a phase 2 application to The National lottery Heritage Fund for consideration. If successful, this will allow SCAMP delivery phase to get underway in January 2028.
2. DGW currently has a wide range of potential coastal woodland projects under development, including but not limited to: Sustainable Deer Management, Tree Seed Collection & Growing, Products & Skills in our woodlands, Creation of new & management support to existing coastal woodlands, research options and wider work to celebrate, protect and harness our region's woodlands.
3. These projects are in development but further work is needed to allow these to be considered as part of the SCAMP delivery phase. This includes consents, landowner approvals, refining costsings, identifying match funding opportunities and scheduling of the work in the 8 year delivery phase (starting in 2028)
4. This contract will support the DGW manager in this task, presenting projects for consideration by the SCAMP project, and delivering maximum benefit when undertaken.

Contract delivery:

5. The work will be overseen by the DGW manager, with regular meetings and support available.
6. The contractor will work with a range of partners, within SCAMP and broader than that, to develop detailed project proposals, considering constraints/consents required, challenges/opportunities, costings, and full risk registers for each.
7. A key part of the role will be to develop costsings as far as possible and then identify match funding opportunities. Possibly working in partnership with the DGW manager to initiate funding applications.
8. The main output of the contract will be the project proposals, taken to a level of development so they can be confidently proposed to the SCAMP project.

Expressions of Interest:

9. Expressions of Interest are sought to undertake this work that could further develop the planning of the Coastal Woodlands delivery projects.
10. Expressions of Interest should include:

- A copy of your CV
- Any initial thoughts about process, ambitions and your approach to work like this– max one page
- An indication of your daily rate (max: £300 per day) and any limitations on your flexibility/availability during the contract period.

11. Expressions of Interest to be submitted to mcnabb.laurie@dgwoodlands.org.uk by 9am on 02 November 2026.
12. Contract Admin: Open to negotiation with contractor, but planning a monthly invoice, based on time worked.
13. Timeline:
    a. Award Contract + Contract kick off meeting: **November 2026**
    b. Contract Completion: **By 31/03/2027**
16. Any queries about the contract or making an expression of interest, please contact mcnabb.laurie@dgwoodlands.org.uk.