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AIRTO Secondment Opportunity – Government Affairs Manager

Role Purpose
A member of the AIRTO team responsible for developing thought leadership for the IRT sector, and developing collaborative activities and initiatives with government stakeholders, and across the AIRTO community, on behalf of its members:

Key Responsibilities
The post holder will develop initiatives to support our members by championing the sector to government departments, agencies, industry and policy makers. The role will include:

- Building relationships with key staff from member organisations who engage with AIRTO;
- Identifying new opportunities for members to engage in shaping public policy;
- Maintaining a watching brief for opportunities to engage with national innovation strategies for key industry sectors e.g. agri-food, built environment, energy, transport etc.;
- Assisting initiatives to research, analyse/evaluate and build the evidence base to demonstrate the strength of the IRT sector, by liaising with our members to source success stories, e.g. for inclusion in AIRTO consultation responses, opinion pieces and policy material;
- Developing and enhancing member initiatives and platforms which collectively project the IRT community to government and industry audiences e.g. through stimulating Industry Sector Interest Group initiatives and activities.

The Candidate
The candidate should be educated to degree level (minimum), preferably in a scientific, engineering, policy or economics discipline. Experience of working in the IRT sector, and having an understanding of the key industrial sectors and science/technology areas for the UK would be an advantage but is not essential. Evidence of an ability to drive development of new initiatives, and an ability to 'sell' ideas is desirable. Strong and confident verbal and written communication skills are essential, as is a proven aptitude to negotiate and influence others.

Reports to
Dr Jane Gate, Executive Director, AIRTO

Other Information
This secondment role can be from 50% - 100% of time commitment level i.e. 18 -36 hours per week, dependent upon individual circumstances. This role has a flexible location, with a requirement to travel to meet the needs of the AIRTO members and business operations.