

Job Title: Political engagement manager

Working For: Conservative Environment Network

Location: London

Salary: £34,001-£43,000

Contract type: 12 months fixed term, with the intention to make the role permanent

Job details

The Conservative Environment Network (CEN) is the home for conservatives who support responsible environmental leadership. We are looking for a personable and organised political engagement manager to support the growth and development of CEN's network.

Conservatives inherently care about protecting the environment for future generations. We want to mobilise more of them from across the UK and at all levels of politics to champion the environment and help us develop the solutions we need on climate change and nature loss. CEN wants to grow our network of conservative environmentalists - at all stages in their political journey - to show that our movement can lead the debate on environmental issues.

The successful candidate will work across CEN's networks, from MPs and MSPs to councillors and grassroots supporters, and will have the opportunity to bring their own ideas to how we engage and grow support for CEN's mission. We welcome applications from candidates who can demonstrate a strong track record of engaging conservatives and growing networks, with an enthusiasm for working on environmental issues.

Responsibilities:

- Manage our Westminster parliamentary caucus and Scottish parliamentary group, growing the membership, producing and sharing regular updates, and identifying new opportunities to get their input into our work.
- Develop our councillor network by helping to grow the network, create new resources for CEN councillors, produce newsletters and magazines, and hold webinars and roundtables.
- Develop our supporter and ambassador networks by helping to shape our events programme and sending out regular newsletters, to create opportunities for grassroots supporters to input into our work, meet like-minded people, and support CEN's mission to promote conservative environmentalism
- Oversee our Next Gen CEN youth programme and our young ambassador network by supporting our events programme and sending out regular newsletters, to offer young people the opportunity to network, share their ideas, and learn about conservative environmentalism
- Develop our network of CEN fellows by identifying and engaging influential grassroots conservatives to join the network, attend our events, and share feedback on our work.
- Represent CEN at external events

Required experience and skills:

- At least two years' experience building a membership programme and/or engaging with conservatives in a professional capacity
- Demonstrable experience of movement building and/or grassroots organising

- A positive, approachable, professional demeanour and solid political acumen
- Excellent organisational skills with a track record of delivering high quality outputs such as events and newsletters
- An extensive network of conservatives across the UK at all levels of government and the ability to form successful working relationships both within CEN and with external stakeholders in Parliament, the Conservative Party, and the environmental movement
- Deep belief in CEN's core mission and values and a desire to advance environmentalism on the UK right-of-centre
- Strong attention to detail and ability to produce compelling and concise written output
- A curious and keen intellect and a willingness to learn and develop different skills

Desired experience and skills:

- Previous experience in the climate and nature space
- Direct experience of working in the conservative movement or in Parliament

Benefits of working at CEN

- 25 days of annual leave entitlement
- Office closure between Christmas and New Year
- One day of volunteering leave per year
- 5% of monthly salary contributed by CEN into our pension scheme
- A comprehensive learning and development package, with opportunities for learning new skills and expanding knowledge
- Cycle to work scheme
- Season ticket loan scheme
- Hybrid and flexible working options available
- Enhanced maternity, paternity, and compassionate leave policies
- Unlimited bean to cup coffee and unlimited teas
- Free beers and soft drinks on Thursdays and Fridays
- Annual team away day
- Relaxed working environment and casual office dress code
- Regular social events

Application details

Please submit your CV and cover letter to Isabel Goodwin, Head of Outreach, via isabel@cen.uk.com by 9am on Monday 12th October. Your cover letter should answer three questions: why this role and organisation; why me; and why now. It should be no more than a page long and use the questions to clearly delineate each answer. Please be aware we will be running each application through an AI detector.

The second stage of the application process will involve a written task. Shortlisted candidates will then be invited to complete a short assessment and interview w/b 12th October. We are looking for the successful candidate to start as soon as their notice period allows.

Website: <https://www.cen.uk.com>