Post of BUILDING SURVEYOR

Outline Job Description

The overall objectives of the Building Surveyor post are:-

- To provide and manage a sustainable specialist buildings advisory service including giving advice on building conservation and associated repair issues, defect diagnosis and preparation of repair specifications;
- To manage, develop and grow the services provided;
- To contribute to training workshop programmes;
- To draft or contribute to technical publications;
- To contribute generally to the policy and operations of the SLCT, including specific tasks as requested by the Director from time to time.

Main tasks

The Building Surveyor will be responsible to the Director on a day to day basis for:-

- Managing workload of the Building Advisory Service team and acting as Line Manager to other Buildings Advisors and other staff either current or future staff engaged to support the team.
- Arranging and carrying out buildings inspections and investigations.
- Preparing advisory reports and specifications, in accordance with SLCT policy, on the buildings inspected, and issuing to clients.
- Collecting, examination, analysis and reporting on samples of building materials including stone, brick, slate and mortar.
- Delivery of short cpd presentations, lectures as required to generate business for the SLCT.
- Develop the SLCT building advisory services.
- Ensuring that costs are recovered from clients.
- Providing basic advice to clients in response to telephone and email enquiries and recording them.
- Develop and review the SLCT Building Advisory Policy to include quality control measures.

The Building Surveyor may also be responsible for:

- Contribute specific input to the training programmes offered by the SLCT, in conjunction with the SLCT’s principle trainers.
- Undertaking specific research and development projects in relation to characteristics, production, use and behaviour of traditional building materials.
The Scottish Lime Centre Trust is a specialist building preservation trust, established in 1994 as a charitable company limited by guarantee. The formal objectives of the Trust are to:

- promote for the public benefit the appropriate repair of Scotland’s traditional and historic buildings;
- advance education through the provision of advice, training and practical experience in the use of lime for the repair and conservation of such buildings;
- promote and further the preservation and development of Scottish building traditions, crafts and skills.

The core activities of the SLCT are:

TRAINING, provided through CHARLESTOWN WORKSHOPS, encompassing

- practical training: short courses or longer integrated training in the practical use of lime-based (and other) materials, designed to enhance craft skills and awareness;
- continuing professional development: lectures, seminars, demonstrations and practical courses for architects, surveyors, conservation officers and students;
- specific student placements;
- collaboration with other training centres and programmes, nationally and internationally; and

CONSULTANCY, provided through its BUILDINGS ADVISORY SERVICE, encompassing

- professional and technical consultancy: advice provided directly to building owners or their appointed architect/ surveyor/ engineer and
- analysis and evaluation of historic lime-based materials, research, identification and matching of replacement materials;

Supporting activities include:

- technical publications;
- creation and maintenance of a database of Scottish aggregates and historic mortars.

Candidates should ideally be graduate building surveyors (or related discipline) with a keen interest in building conservation. You should have a clean driving licence and be happy to work on scaffolding to conduct building surveys. You do not need an in depth knowledge of lime mortars and natural stone masonry as full training will be given but an enquiring mind is a must!. This is your chance to make a very real difference to our built heritage – it could be a castle or cottage, historic bridge or light house, every day is different…

To apply, please send us your CV by email to admin@scotlime.org by Friday, 20 March 2020 for the attention of Roz Artis, Director, Scottish Lime Centre Trust. Interviews will be held the week beginning Monday 30 March 2020 at Charlestown Workshops, 2 Rocks Road, Charlestown, Fife, KY11 3EN.