



Independent Consultants

Short term consultancy opportunities have become available at Scottish Association of Sign Language Interpreters (SASLI), with funding from the Scottish Government until June 2018.

SASLI currently operates as a dual registering and membership body for BSL/English Interpreters, Deafblind Manual Interpreters, Guide Communicators, Lipspeakers, and agencies providing language and communication services for deaf and deafblind people in Scotland.

Independent Consultants are sought to carry out the following separate reviews:

1. **Organisational Review**

Ref: SASLIG01

An organisational review is required for successful transition from its dual role to singular role as registering body for language and communication support professionals and agencies in Scotland. The Review will examine SASLI's current structure as a dual registration and membership body, and make recommendations for the successful transition to its future role as registering body.

The review will, in addition, explore the option for SASLI to expand its function, to become a 'Monitor' of language and communication support training providers to ensure compliance with the National Occupational Standards recommendations to maintain consistency and quality.

It is expected the duration of this work will be 40 days (280 hours), with flexible working hours and some work carried out from home.

2. **Continuing Professional Development Review**

Ref: SASLIG02

Continuing Professional Development activities and checks have been part of SASLI's work for many years with its members under SASLI's Continuing Professional Development Policy.

This review will explore possible expansion of SASLI's function as a registering body to oversee, regulate and ratify CPD as a 'Training Quality Assurance/Accreditation Body' to ensure that National Occupational Standards are being followed by training providers offering CPD training and activities for language and communication support professionals. In addition, the review will develop mechanisms to make National Occupational Standards principles more transparent for Deaf and Deafblind people.

It is expected the duration of this work will be 35 days (245 hours) with flexible working hours and some work carried out from home.

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3. Consultations Review

Ref: SASLIG03

Consultations will increase considerably in number with the implementation of the BSL Act, its National Plan and local Plans. There are concerns that deaf and deafblind people will develop 'consultation fatigue'.

This review, which has two strands, will explore effectiveness of existing consultation approaches with deaf and deafblind people, and develop a range of new consultation methods to maintain and increase level of interest and responses from deaf and deafblind people. The review will develop an overhauled Complaints and Concerns Policy for SASLI which will be accessible to sign language users.

It is expected the duration of this work will be 30 days (210 hours) with flexible working hours and some work carried out from home.

The salary for each review will be between £15 and £20 per hour, dependent on the nature of the task, and the skills and experience of the successful applicant.

The Organisational Review must begin in October. The other two may begin later but need to be completed by end June 2018.

The deadline for applications is **Friday 15 September 2017**. The interviews are planned to take place on Wednesday 27 September. Video interviews can be organised if travel is not possible.

Carly Brownlie, SASLI Development Manager can be contacted for further information – either by email: carly@sasli.org.uk, direct phone: 0141 249 0380 or via the SASLI website on the Contact Us page – click the box next to 'BSL Users'.

Electronic application forms and job descriptions are available from the SASLI office – mail@sasli.org.uk

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