

Clyde 2020 Research Advisory Group Membership

An exciting opportunity to help shape the future of the Firth of Clyde

Background

The Clyde 2020 Steering Group wishes to appoint members to the Clyde 2020 Research Advisory Group (RAG), a non-executive body which will provide independent, objective and impartial advice and strategic guidance on the research requirements needed to achieve implementation of the Clyde 2020 Actions and their overall coherence.

Click here for the Terms of Reference for the [RAG](#) and for the [Clyde 2020 Steering Group](#). Further information about Clyde 2020 can be found on the Clyde Forum website, <http://clydeforum.com/projects/clyde-2020>.

The aim of Clyde 2020 (and therefore of the RAG) is to achieve its agreed vision –

The Firth of Clyde is a healthy and thriving marine ecosystem that is capable of adapting and mitigating for the challenges of climate change and supports sustainable fishing, tourism, leisure and other sustainable developments while offering protection to the most fragile species and habitats. This will enhance the quality of life for local communities and contribute to a diverse and sustainable economy for the West of Scotland.

Actions of the Research Advisory Group

Through its advisory role, as stated above, the RAG will, in addition, help the Clyde 2020 programme integrate with wider research and practical programmes such as those relating to the Scottish Marine Protected Areas' network and to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

It will not be required to implement, secure resources or to undertake research beyond that which might reasonably be expected to fulfil its advisory role. The RAG will only be required to report and provide advice to the Clyde 2020 Steering Group.

Key Skills

Applications for the RAG are welcome from individuals with experience in the following scientific and research areas:

- marine environment, including biodiversity, habitat management and ecosystem modelling,
- social and economic resources, including governance, management and ecosystem services provision,
- Fisheries and mariculture industries, including management, stock assessment, life cycles and population modelling.

Preference will be given to individuals with direct relevant experience of the West of Scotland and/or the Firth of Clyde.

There will be a maximum of 12 members of the RAG, including the Chair and Vice-Chair.

The RAG will meet at least once per year and ideally should convene on an approximately six monthly cycle.

Members of the RAG will not be remunerated but limited out of pocket expenses will be covered on application to the Clyde 2020 secretariat.

Appointment of RAG Members

Applicants should submit applications by email to clyde@clydeforum.org by 15th September 2015. Applicants will be judged on their individual expertise and experience, taking into account the balance of coverage of the stakeholder community and of scientific expertise relevant to the remit of Clyde 2020.

An application will consist of a full CV, together with a covering letter of no more than two sides of A4 in length, outlining the applicant's relevant expertise and any other specific qualifications or qualities deemed relevant but not covered in the formal CV. The names of two referees should be provided.

The selection panel (a sub-group of the Steering Group) will review the applications and draw up a shortlist with recommendations for appointment which will be submitted to the full Clyde 2020 Steering Group for approval.

Appointees will be formally notified by the RAG Secretariat.

Further information can be obtained from the Chair of the RAG, Prof Mike Heath, University of Strathclyde, m.heath@strath.ac.uk or from Project Manager, Sarah Brown, Firth of Clyde Forum, sarah@clydeforum.org.