



# NW2045 Facilitation and Coordination

## Job Description

### Background

NW2045 was established in 2020 by a diverse group of local organisations - community groups; local development companies/trusts; statutory bodies; and community, private and environmental non-governmental landowners - from across the Northwest Highlands, from Coigach in the south, north to Durness and east to Bettyhill. The NW2045 group are working together to create a future where communities thrive economically, socially, and environmentally.

In 2021 NW2045 undertook an in-depth community consultation using unconventional approaches to produce a community-led Vision for the area with three Vision Statements:

*Vision 1: A place that is attractive for young people and families to live and work*

*Vision 2: A model for a new diverse & sustainable rural economy*

*Vision 3: A place where our communities can determine their own prospects*

The NW2045 partners are working towards these Vision statements, collaborating, and synergising wherever possible for maximum impact. For more information see: [www.northwest2045.scot](http://www.northwest2045.scot)

NW2045 is currently an un-constituted collective of organisations. This is part of its strength: it is flexible and unencumbered by bureaucracy; able to respond to needs as they arise. Partners within the NW2045 therefore provide the role of 'anchor organisation' in fundraising bids.

Assynt Development Trust is a member of the NW2045 group and is providing the role of anchor organisation for a grant from the Community Regeneration Fund.

### Purpose

This role will enable the NW2045 group to maintain momentum with access to more relevant data and assist operations in an efficient, professional manner to achieve its priority actions during the funding period, and to establish a way forward for beyond the funding period.

## Duties

Activity name
<p><b>Research and data gathering:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revisit the NW2045 Vision Place Plan and establish plan for periodical review.</li> <li>• Build the NW2045 evidence base, i.e.:</li> <li>- Update statistics from those quoted in the original 2021 Vision, taking into account the impacts that Covid, Brexit and Cost of Living Crisis have had on our remote rural communities since it was written.</li> <li>- The likely impact on the local economy of new housing projects. Currently there are potentially 100 new home builds across the NW2045 area, that have been identified by community led housing developments and are at various stages from land purchase to design phase and seeking planning permission.</li> <li>- Seeking data on potential jobs in area curtailed by a lack of availability of housing for staff.</li> <li>- Initial work with appropriate bodies to establish a Gross Value Added (GVA) figure for the NW2045 area. Creating the groundwork for an economic analysis of each township within the NW2045 area.</li> <li>- Further investigation into high-speed internet, which is vital to repopulation initiatives.</li> <li>- Explore possibility of using community village halls as rural hubs similar to Ireland's West Coast digital hubs, to benefit users and generate income for these community assets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporate and build on learning emerging from work of Regional Land Use Partnership (RLUP) and Facility for Investment-Ready Nature in Scotland (FIRNS), Repopulation Coordinator etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Support those within our network – across sectors and geography - to collaborate:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate fortnightly network meetings, and support action arising from discussions.</li> <li>• Communicate, engage with and support each of the 7 community council areas in the Northwest; communities where Development Trusts are over-stretched and require support.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Build the profile of NW2045 locally:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased activity on our website and social media channels;</li> <li>• In-person events such as Highland Games and gatherings.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Maintain NW2045's external / national profile:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build on successes so far - securing Ministerial visits, parliamentary debates, RLUP, FIRNS etc.</li> <li>• NW2045 representatives attending in person and online events from Scottish Government consultations to Third sector meetings</li> </ul>
<p><b>Financial management support:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide streamlined financial management for this and other NW2045 projects.</li> </ul>

## Skills and Qualifications

- Familiarity with the area, issues and organisations is desirable.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Secondary data research experience.
- Familiarity with website management and social media.
- Experience of community engagement.
- Familiarity with government consultations is desirable.

- Effective time management, interpersonal skills, and initiative.

### Timeframe & Remuneration

This is a freelance contract, running from June 2024 - March 2025, with a two-week break over winter festive period.

£25 / hour, 3.5 days / week; equivalent to 14 days / month.

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