

UKCOD -DEAF ACCESS TO COMMUNICATIONS/STRATEGIC EXECUTIVE

1. BACKGROUND

UK Council on Deafness have been working, via a special interest group and board subcommittee to:

- progress the communications agenda, covering access to modern day telephony and broadcasting
- development of relay services of all forms; and
- work to ensure deaf people have access on an equal basis

There are 3 areas of work that require some support to progress to the next phase:

1. Development of an implementation project to ensure the effective bringing to market and roll out of video and other relay services
2. Overseeing the operational planning of next steps
3. Network development.

The Board of UKCoD are seeking candidates for two voluntary roles, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the group.

We are seeking candidates, for both roles, will have the qualities identified below and experience and skill in working as part of a small team, the prime tasks are to:

- Lead the work stream UKCoD and enable it to fulfill its purpose
- Ensure an effective relationship between:
 - The Strategic Executive/ DAC and members UKCoD members
 - The UKCoD Board
 - The external stakeholder groups
 - The organizations that link with consumers, who are deaf, deafblind or have a hearing loss
- Act as spokesperson for the group as appropriate
- Support the activities of the group

The Chair will engage with Ministers, Govt, Ofcom, Telecommunications companies to change and develop policies for the future. The Vice Chair engage with DAC and UKCOD stakeholders to inform, to consult with and garner unified support and communication with one voice or messages.

2. SPECIFICS

- Chair the Strategic Executive and be a member of the UKCoD Board
- Lead on and take executive responsibility as required and delegated by the Board

- Establish effective means of information sharing and engagement with members
- Call for members meeting whenever needed and plan as appropriate
- Liaise with UKCoD on costs and logistics for meetings
- Operate in conjunction with the Terms of Reference and perform actions as specified
- Establish involvement with appropriate stakeholder groups and representations, including those in government at ministerial level
- Ensure representatives and the working groups work to agreed principles and the code of conduct
- Attend stakeholder group meetings with representative(s) or delegate.
- Ensure the group is visible externally and engaging with deaf consumers and organizations.

3. QUALITIES

- Ability to chair a group with a common aim but different perspectives
- Project / organizational planning
- Voluntary sector governance
- Interest or experience in access, disability, equality, diversity and rights agendas
- Engagement and participation
- Has the drive to lead the group to achieve its objectives
- Gravitas and experience of working at ministerial level
- Communication skills with members and externally
- Relevant skills to manage meetings and inter group communication

We are seeking two people to act as Chair and Vice Chair of the Sub-Committee to lead this work.

The roles are voluntary, although travel expenses will be reimbursed. It is anticipated that the work will be managed approx 1 day a fortnight for a time limited period, 6 months and then reduce to 1 day per month.

The Sub-Committee meets in London.