



Gypsum Products Development Association

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The Gypsum Products Development Association (GPDA) represents the four major gypsum board and plaster manufacturers in the UK and Ireland – British Gypsum, Siniat, Knauf Drywall and Gyproc.

GPDA are currently recruiting for **Technical Director**. This is an exciting opportunity for an experienced individual to join GPDA and we are happy to consider applicants from a consultancy or contract basis.

In a nutshell...

This role supports the Association's technical committee and requires someone with a fundamental understanding of the drylining industry and who is familiar with technical standards and the issues that affect the sector. This is a remote / home-based role, with a requirement to travel across the UK and Ireland for meetings.

Responsibilities include of the Technical Director include:

- Provide support and assistance for the Association's technical activities.
- Draft technical guidance notes on behalf of the committee and liaise with committee members to secure consensus on policy and wording.
- Review and summarise information and correspondence from other organizations such as Eurogypsum and the Construction Products Association
- Represent the GPDA technical committee at external meetings under the direction of the committee to capture insights and represent a GPDA position where appropriate.
- Undertake research and policy work as required by the committee.
- Project manage work, such as arranging testing and commissioning third party service providers under the direction of the committee.
- Monitor updates to Standards, including liaison with representatives on BSI, CEN and Eurogypsum committees, and provide feedback to the technical committee.
- Understand the different markets and Standards applicable in the UK and Ireland and support the committee's work in both location.
- Advise the technical committee on issues affecting the industry, both within the wider construction industry and the plasterboard sector
- Liaise and collaborate with the GPDA Secretary and CEO as required.
- Liaise with communications committee to develop campaigns to promote technical guidance documents and other initiatives to ensure greater awareness and recognition of this work to assist stakeholders and raise GPDA profile.
- Proactive advocacy regarding technical issues on behalf of the association and technical committee

An Association to promote and develop the use of gypsum products

- Work in partnership with CEO to establish and maintain a coordinated approach to advocacy target groups on a peer to peer basis (technical to technical / CEO to CEO)
- Give us a presence in relevant stakeholder meetings (FIS, NHBC, standards committees, ASFP, other trade associations) so that our interests are represented, and we get to know about changes on the horizon that could impact GPDA members
- Manage technical web content / social media (guidance documents / news bulletins etc.) and liaise with communications committee to create technical campaigns to promote GPDA technical initiatives.
- Attend both Technical and Sustainability Committees - act as a liaison link between the 2 committees to share and exchange as appropriate.
- Support Sustainability Committee as needed with projects / initiatives that they are driving which require additional resource/ support.
- Make recommendations to the committee about areas to investigate / new initiatives based on insights gathered through networking.

Requirements:

- Experience in the drylining industry
- Self-motivated with the ability to work autonomously.
- Independent of any manufacturer or consultancy provider
- Capable of drafting documents for a technical audience
- Confident in representing the industry to other parties
- Relationship building and communication skills.
- Experience of trade association or committee work
- Ideally has an existing network of contacts within relevant third-party stakeholder groups
- Proactive capability to network, build new relationships and partner with third party stakeholders to further the GPDA cause(s)
- Ability to lead technical campaigns in liaison with the communications committee and manage web content / social media on behalf of GPDA technical.
- Critical thinking capability to recognise topics or trends that could impact GPDA and its members so that they can bring them to the attention to the Technical Committee and recommend action plans to respond or drive the topic forward.

Remuneration:

Consultancy based on day rate of £400, but with flexibility to work on an hourly or day rate as required. The hours are flexible base on an expectation of 3 days per week.

What happens next?

Apply by sending your CV and covering letter to Robert Osborne, GPDA Secretary at admin@gpda.com