



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 and Gyproc.

GPDA are recruiting for a **Technical Director**. This is an exciting opportunity for an experienced individual to join GPDA and we are happy to consider applicants for 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:

Liaison & Representation

- 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.
- Provide a presence in relevant stakeholder meetings (FIS, NHBC, standards committees, ASFP, other trade associations) so that GPDA interests are represented and identify changes on the horizon that could impact GPDA members.
- Establish and maintain a coordinated approach to advocacy target groups.
- Attend both Technical and Sustainability Committees - act as a liaison link between the 2 committees to share and exchange as appropriate.
- Make recommendations to the committees about areas to investigate / new initiatives based on insights gathered through networking.

Research & Policy

- 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 locations.

- Advise the Technical Committee on issues affecting the industry, both within the wider construction industry and the plasterboard sector.
- Support Sustainability Committee as needed with projects / initiatives that they are driving which require additional resource/ support.
- Work with Management Committee as required.

Internal & Communications

- 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.
- 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.
- Liaise and collaborate with the GPDA Secretary as required.

Requirements:

- Experience in the drylining industry
- Self-motivated with the ability to work autonomously
- Experience of trade association or committee work
- 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
- 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 committee
- Critical thinking capability to recognise topics or trends that could impact GPDA and its members and bring them to the attention of the technical committee and recommend action plans to respond or drive the topic forward.

Remuneration:

The Association will consider either full time employment or consultancy based on day rate of £400. The hours are flexible based on an expectation of a minimum of 3 days per week but with potential to expand this to a full time role.

What happens next?

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