**Director** **Westminster Boating Base**

**Salary £40,000 + benefits 136 Grosvenor Road, London SW1V 3JY**

Westminster Boating Base (WBB) was established in 1975 and teaches dinghy sailing, powerboating, kayaking and canoeing to young people and adults in central London. Its primary objective, stated the charity’s trust deed, is:

 *“To help educate young people through their leisure time activities, so as to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved”.*

Located on the River Thames in a secluded riverside park, WBB operates throughout the year for young people aged 10 – 23 years who can gain membership as individuals, or as part of a school, youth or community group. There are no restrictions on who may attend and young people come from all over London - the primary outreach is naturally local. The charity also seeks to benefit young people beyond the mere acquisition of watersports skills, and attendees are encouraged to work together and develop their social skills in a sensible and safe way. Westminster Boating Base also arranges activities for adults, both on a fee paying and semi-charitable basis as appropriate.

The Base’s spacious function and meeting rooms with riverfront balconies are also available to hire as a venue for parties (both corporate and private), conferences, seminars, wedding receptions and other events.

The new Director, in addition to leading and managing the charity’s daily work and output, will play a key role in developing the strategy to ensure the delivery of the objective. The trustees are therefore seeking applicants, inspired by the charity’s purpose, who have the motivation and energy to make a positive difference to the lives and experience of young people and are able to take the charity forward with confidence into the future.

To meet the requirements of this most exciting and fulfilling position, applicants should be able to demonstrate that they meet the following skill and experience requirements:

* Educated to degree level or professional equivalent.
* Have run a business and/or achieved demonstrable success in significant leadership and management roles.
* Strategic vision, sound judgement, adaptability, entrepreneurship, stamina and resilience.
* Inspirational leadership and communication skills, able to work effectively and harmoniously with trustees, staff, supporters, donors and other external organisations and bodies.
* Experience of the charity sector and a natural commitment to the wellbeing of others.
* Established financial management and fundraising skills.
* Highly developed relationship-building and interpersonal skills.
* Excellent IT skills including Microsoft Office.

Westminster Boating Base is an equal opportunities employer and this position is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

**For further information and to apply please download further details of the position from www.maryleboneexecutivesearch.com/jobs.**

**Apply online by submitting your CV along with a personal statement addressing the person specification. For an informal confidential discussion call Keith Ridland on 07775 675891 or 020 3126 4848 or Richard Evans on 07958 984161.**

**Closing date for applications: 6th May 2018**

**Longlist Interviews: 8-11th May 2018**

**Candidate visits: As arranged.**

**Final Panel Interviews & Presentation: 29th May 2018**

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