

UTASS Briefing: 1st July 2021.

FARMING IN PROTECTED LANDSCAPES (FIPL).

Defra launched this new programme to fund projects on the 24th June 2021. The ministerial statement says it “will provide additional investment to allow farmers and other land managers to work in partnership with our National Park Authorities and AONB teams to improve public access, and deliver bigger and better outcomes for the environment, for people and for places”. The programme will run 2021 to 2024. FIPL is open to all farmers including those with existing agri-environmental agreements as long as it does not involve “double funding”. Many UTASS members will farm within the North Pennines AONB.

The North Pennines AONB will be holding a webinar on 12th July at 5.30 to explain more about the opportunities and the advice and support which will be available. Joining instructions will be circulated nearer the time. Booking link <https://bit.ly/FarmerWebinar> In the meantime more information can be found on the AONB website. https://www.northpennines.org.uk/what_we_do/farming-in-protected-landscapes/

A similar scheme will be operating in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

<https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/park-authority/living-and-working/farming/farming-in-protected-landscapes/>

There will be a Local Assessment Panel that will meet to decide on applications to the FIPL Programme. **The North Pennines AONB team is seeking a maximum of 5 representatives from the farming and land management community to join the panel to help assess applications.** Applicants should be sympathetic to the aims of the programme – to deliver more for nature, climate, people and place – and have good knowledge and experience of farming and land management in the area. Those people not attending in work time or capable of recovering costs from an employer will be able to receive a payment of up to £150 per meeting to cover time for assessing applications and attending meetings. The panel aims to meet at least every 6 to 8 weeks and meetings can be virtual if required.

If you would like to be on the Local Assessment Panel please send a statement of no more than 200 words summarising your experience and knowledge and your motivation for wanting to be involved. This should reach the AONB team by Tuesday 13th July at fipl@northpenninesaonb.org.uk

Note: being on the panel will not mean you cannot apply to the programme to deliver a project, but obviously conflict of interest rules will apply to the judging of any such application.

More information available at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/funding-for-farmers-in-protected-landscapes>

For further advice and assistance please call UTASS 01833 641010.
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Job Vacancies at UTASS



Upper Teesdale Agricultural Support Services

Youth Support Worker

UTASS is looking for a passionate, resourceful, and motivated person to join our award winning youth team

Located: UTASS Offices, Middleton-in-Teesdale
Hours: Sessional work paid for hours worked
Salary: £12.19 per hour
Term: Permanent

Reception and Administration

Support Officer

UTASS is looking to appoint someone with a passion to help people as a Reception and Administration Support Officer

Located: UTASS Offices, Middleton-in-Teesdale
Hours: Part-time - 14 hours per week
Salary: £10.93 per hour
Term: Fixed Term until 3rd July 2022 (potential to extend depending on further funding)

For an more information and application packs visit

<http://www.utass.org/job-vacancies/>

Closing date for applications: Midnight Sunday 18th July

Shortlisting: Monday 19th July

Interviews: Week commencing 26th July

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