

Associate Director

SFT is seeking an experienced Architect to join its Learning Estate Infrastructure Team. The team has been driving forward significant investment and design development across Scotland's learning estate for more than a decade and is seeking to strengthen its design and technical expertise.

Background

Having successfully managed the delivery of the £1.8bn Scotland's Schools for the Future (SSF) programme, the team is currently supporting the £1bn Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Expansion Programme which saw the increased 1,140 hours of funded ELC become a statutory provision in August 2021. The team is also managing the delivery of the £2bn Learning Estate Investment Programme announced in 2019. Both programmes drive improved learning environments and enable service delivery change.

The team works closely with the Scottish Government, local authorities, and other key partners involved in the design, construction, delivery and management of the learning estate to drive forward these programmes and support the development of a number of other related initiatives.

As well as promoting Scotland's Learning Estate Strategy, published in 2019, the team leads a continual cycle of gathering lessons learned to help inform future programmes and projects. The team is currently reviewing the impact of the recently completed SSF programme and the ELC expansion programme.

In line with SFT's corporate priorities, the team is focused on the Net Zero, Place and Inclusive Growth agendas as part of their work and see these as key areas for future development. The team collaborates with others across SFT who lead these particular initiatives and also more broadly in areas such as Construction Quality, Infrastructure Technology, and Modern Methods of Construction.

At present the team's activities have a particular focus on the impact of and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, actively working with stakeholders to maximise learning from this unprecedented period.

The role

The Associate Director (AD) will play a central role in the Learning Estate Infrastructure Team as it progresses a number of programmes and initiatives. As a design and technical specialist, the AD will be responsible for key deliverables, will manage key stakeholder relationships appropriate to their expertise, and will work closely with the Senior Associate Director and the wider Learning Estate Infrastructure Team to proactively manage and deliver the objectives and outcomes set for each programme and initiative.

A full job description for the role is available on request through Eden Scott.

Location

You will be based at SFT's office in Edinburgh. SFT teams work flexibly, with an expectation that you need to be in the office for meetings as required. Additional travel will be required to attend external meetings.

Contact

Eden Scott is retained by SFT. Please submit your CV online to ian.atkinson@edenscott.com or for a confidential discussion to hear more about the opportunity, then please contact Iain Atkinson on 07714 124 033.

The closing date for completed applications is **Friday 22 October 2021**.

Equality, diversity and inclusion

As an equal opportunities employer, SFT is committed to the equal treatment of all current and prospective employees and does not condone discrimination on the basis of age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, race or ethnicity, religion or belief, gender identity, or marriage and civil partnership.

We aspire to have a diverse and inclusive workplace and strongly encourage suitably qualified applicants from a wide range of backgrounds to apply and join SFT.