**Co-facilitator wanted for SCAPP’s New Practitioner Network**

After the success of the 2023 pilot of a New Practitioners Network, SCAPP seeks a new co-facilitator to support the 2024 iteration of the Community of Practice.

SCAPP’s New Practitioner Network is designed to build the knowledge, confidence and networks of practitioners new to Widening Access and Widening Participation work in Scotland.

Participants from the 2023 Network commented:

*“This network is a fantastic idea, I hope it keeps going and grows!”*

*“I have enjoyed finding out more about the type of responsibilities [others] have; the different initiatives other institutions offer, and the development opportunities SCAPP can offer members.”*

**Role:** New Practitioners Network Co-Facilitator

**Time Commitment:** Approx 2.5 - 3 hours/month, from October 2023 until December 2024.

This time commitment includes attending and facilitating meetings for the network approx. every 6 weeks, from January to December 2024 and additional planning/online meetings and actions.

**Fees and payments:** Voluntary role (no fee). Reasonable costs to travel to in-person meetings may be covered by SCAPP, if they cannot be covered by the incumbent’s organisation.

**Position Description:**

* Work alongside SCAPP’s Learning & Development Coordinator to design, administer and deliver the New Practitioner Network 2024.
* Plan meetings and sessions relevant to the needs of New Practitioners.
* Approach and secure industry professionals to deliver guest sessions/topics.
* Co-facilitate meetings and networking of the group.
* Support the running of an online space (such as Teams).
* Co-facilitate the process and impact evaluation of the network.

**The ideal candidate will:**

* Be a mid-career professional, with a minimum of 3-5+ years of experience in the sector.
* Have networks across the Widening Access and Widening Participation landscape (may include universities, colleges, third-sector/charitable institutions, public sector).
* Show enthusiasm for supporting the development of those new to the sector.
* Be prepared to work collaboratively and deliver in a hybrid environment.
* Use this opportunity towards their own professional development.

**What will the co-facilitator gain?**

* An opportunity to lead on a cross-institutional project.
* Experience of facilitating a professional community of practice.
* Experience of facilitating in a hybrid environment.
* Expansion of networks and knowledge in Widening Access and Widening Participation.

*“As co-facilitator, I have appreciated the opportunity to work with, and learn from, Laura: increasing my confidence in delivering the sessions and giving me a more rounded understanding of the WA/WP community, different initiatives and where my role sits within SCAPP.”*

* Jackie Smith, 2023 Co-facilitator.

**How to apply:**

If you would like to be considered for the New Practitioner Network Co-facilitator, please provide a short (200 words) summary of why you would like to be involved in the work of the community of practice, outlining any relevant skills and experience. This should be submitted by Friday 22nd September 5pm to [laura.kwiatkowski@stir.ac.uk](mailto:scapp@stir.ac.uk)

Applications will be assessed by members of the SCAPP Learning & Development working group.

SCAPP encourages interested parties to discuss this opportunity with their line manager, if/where appropriate.

**Questions?**

Please contact [scapp@stir.ac.uk](mailto:scapp@stir.ac.uk)