



# Recruitment information pack

## Head of Development

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# Welcome

Thank you for your interest in applying to the School for Social Entrepreneurs. We have put together some information below which we hope will help you understand the organisation and the role. For more information please visit [www.the-sse.org](http://www.the-sse.org)

## **About the School for Social Entrepreneurs**

We can't fix issues like poverty, climate change and ill-health alone. That's why the School for Social Entrepreneurs exists. SSE helps 1,000 people a year develop the skills, strengths and networks they need to tackle society's biggest problems. We run courses that equip people to start, scale and strengthen organisations that make a positive difference. But we are not a traditional school. Learning with SSE is inspiring, action-based and accessible. SSE supports people in other ways too, such as funding and mentoring.

Lord Michael Young founded SSE as a charity in 1997, and it's grown to a network of teams working across the UK, we also have a school in India. Together, SSE is changing lives and transforming communities.

SSE works in partnership with many of the UK's biggest funders, such as the National Lottery Community Fund, Power to Change and Lloyds Bank Foundation, and we also hold a broad range of strategic partnerships with corporates such as PwC, Linklaters, Royal London. We also generate earned income through selling places on our short courses and workshops.

SSE is a vibrant organisation; we work entrepreneurially and are committed to providing quality learning opportunities for social entrepreneurs, community businesses and social sector leaders. Working here is engaging, exciting and demanding. If you are someone who enjoys creating solutions and contributing your ideas, you'll enjoy how we work.

### **Firstly, our commitment to inclusion**

Diversity is a fact of life. Inclusion is a choice and a practice - for organisations and individuals. At the School for Social Entrepreneurs, our aim is to drive inclusion into every area and activity of what we do: from access to programmes, to grant investment, to board, staff and partnerships. However you identify, we would like to hear from you. In our commitment to continue to diversify our teams, freelance staff and programmes, we are particularly keen to hear from those who identify as: being from black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) backgrounds; LGBTQ+; and those with disabilities.

If you require any reasonable adjustments during our recruitment processes, including assistance with reading this page or documents linked to below, please contact [recruitment@sse.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@sse.org.uk)

# Benefits of working at SSE



## Key benefits:

- 25 days' annual leave (pro-rata) + UK bank holidays
- 5% employer contribution to your pension



## Learning & development:

- Attend SSE courses & learning sessions for free
- Group learning opportunities (e.g. productivity training, learning about inclusion)
- Annual development plans to set personal and professional goals



## Wellbeing & health:

- All staff have access to Wisdom, an employee wellbeing app
- Opportunities to train in First Aid and Mental Health First Aid
- Wellbeing initiatives hosted by our Wellbeing Committee
- Free eyecare vouchers



## Inclusion & connection:

- Certified Disability Confident Employer
- Committed to the EW Inclusive Cultures Pledge
- Our Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Plan 2021-24 commits us to creating an inclusive culture
- Regular online socials & weekly catch-ups
- Team away days twice a year



## Flexible working & travel:

- Flexible working is welcomed!
- Teams based around the UK (as well as in India & Canada)
- Cycle to work scheme
- Annual season ticket loan



## Get involved with the issues you care about:

We have a range of staff groups and committees that you might be interested in joining, including:

- Climate Action Working Group
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Group
- Wellbeing Committee

# About the role

## Purpose

The Head of Development will play a critical role in driving SSE's income generation and business development. This role requires a highly skilled leader with exceptional capabilities in income generation, writing, budgeting, people management and strategic planning. The Head of Development will manage a small team and work closely with senior leadership to ensure SSE's financial sustainability and growth.

## Job description

### Key responsibilities

#### Income Generation and Business Development

- Drive SSE's development strategy to deliver a broad and expanded income scale, including corporate sector, trusts, foundations, government, and limited individual donors.
- Collaborate with the Director of Strategic Projects and External Affairs and the CEO to achieve annual income targets through fundraising, renewing existing accounts, securing new business, and direct sales.
- Identify new business opportunities and secure new and repeat business across all programmes.
- Build and maintain close relationships with SSE teams and partner organisations to identify and secure income generation opportunities.
- Work collaboratively with the Director of Programmes and Learning to ensure opportunities to innovate our learning and support offer are integrated into the development team's work and realised as business opportunities.
- Attend sector events to raise awareness, build networks, and stay informed about industry trends.

#### Writing and Budgeting

- Develop and write compelling bids and project proposals to generate new business aligned with SSE's strategic objectives.
- Create and manage budgets for various funders and investors, ensuring accuracy and alignment with financial goals.
- Create impactful and visually appealing collateral to present to prospective funders.
- Contribute to the generation of agreed income targets for the development team.
- Maintain and update relevant database systems to track progress and outcomes.

- Liaise regularly with SSE Finance team to ensure all expected income is received and expenditures are on track.

## **Leadership**

- Manage a small team and oversee the work of freelancers.
- Work within SSE's organisational strategy and operational plan.
- Lead the team with a solution-driven approach, fostering a culture of continuous learning and improvement.
- Ensure the team considers margins, utilisation rates, and overhead recovery in bidding and delivery, collaborating with the Head of Finance and the Director of Programmes and Learning to enhance commercial awareness.
- Chair team meetings and take the lead in strategic discussions as required.
- Act proactively and independently to lead the development efforts, collaborating closely with the relevant members of SMT.
- Ability to work at pace to meet proposal deadlines.

## **General responsibilities**

- Provide monthly management information to SMT.
- Monitor and evaluate all fundraising activities, taking corrective actions or enhancements as needed.
- Support the SMT with accurate budget forecasting and management accounts.
- Attend stakeholder meetings and represent SSE as required.

This job description is not comprehensive or exclusive and duties may be varied from time to time, but these will not change the general character or level of responsibility of the job. This job description and your performance will be regularly reviewed with you.

## **Key relationships**

The postholder will work closely with the SMT and Head of Finance.

## **Person specification**

### **Essential Qualifications and Skills**

- Proven track record in income generation and business development.
- Exceptional writing skills for bid and proposal development.
- Strong numerical skills and experience in budget creation and management.
- Excellent relationship-building and networking abilities.
- Ability to work collaboratively with senior leadership and various teams.
- Strategic thinker with a proactive and solution-oriented mindset.
- Experience in leading and managing high-performing teams.

## Values and Mindset

We want to work with (and continue to develop) individuals who can embody and demonstrate the following values and mindset

Values	Mindset
<p><b>Collaborative</b> We achieve more when we work as a supportive team and partner with others. We have fun together. We ask others for help so we can find solutions.</p>	<p><b>Service</b> Friendly, with a positive attitude; with an understanding that we are in service to our social entrepreneurs and fellows and are committed to providing the best possible experience at SSE.</p>
<p><b>Trusting</b> We believe in each other. We rely on open, authentic relationships. We do what we say we're going to do. We take ownership and responsibility for our actions.</p>	<p><b>Commercial</b> You understand how our income model works and our place in the sector. You will know what our core offer is, why we do what we do, in the way that we do. You understand that everyone is an advocate for new business and can help demonstrate efficiency and commercial awareness.</p>
<p><b>Inclusive</b> We want people to feel safe in being themselves, to maintain wellbeing and to bring their unique strengths and voices to the table. We over-represent the under-represented. We honour lived experience.</p>	<p><b>Agile and flexible</b> Agility is the ability to move quickly and easily. Flexibility is the ability to react to new environments or changing requirements.</p>
<p><b>Entrepreneurial</b> We innovate with purpose to create value and deliver results. We are bold and ambitious in our thinking, creative and resourceful in our action. We are committed to impact.</p>	<p><b>Can do</b> Solutions focussed, resourceful and adaptable. Will always think 'how might we achieve this.'</p>
<p><b>Always Learning</b> We listen to understand. We are passionate about learning and seek to constantly improve. We celebrate failure as well as success.</p>	<p><b>Passionate</b> Someone who is enthusiastic about social entrepreneurship / social enterprise and its contribution to the economy and society.</p>

## Key details

**Starting salary:** From £49,727 (depending on skills and experience) + 5% pension

**Hours:** 35 hours per week

<b>Annual leave:</b>	28 days pro-rata (inclusive of 3 Christmas Closure Days) + Bank Holidays
<b>Contract:</b>	Permanent
<b>Flexibility:</b>	Occasional evening / weekend work and travel within the UK may be needed, especially where support is required by the SSE Network
<b>Location:</b>	Flexible, UK based

Please note, we are unable to accept applications from candidates who require visa sponsorship. Roles advertised as flexible or remote location require candidates to be UK-based.

## To apply

To apply, please complete your application [here](#), answering the following questions:

1. What attracted you to apply for this role?
2. What do you think makes you an excellent candidate for the Head of Development role within SSE? Please refer to relevant skills and experiences.

*Please use no more than 400 words in total to answer each of the questions.*

**Deadline: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 9:00am**

If you have any questions, or require reasonable adjustments, please email [recruitment@sse.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@sse.org.uk) and title your email 'Head of Development Application'.

First interviews will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Second interviews are expected to be held Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

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# Diversity Monitoring

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To offer equal opportunities, prevent discrimination and support under-represented groups we encourage applicants to complete our online [Diversity Monitoring Form](#).

The information on this form will be used for monitoring purposes only and will play no part in the recruitment process. All questions are optional. You are not obliged to answer any of these questions but the more information you supply, the more effective our monitoring will be.

In accordance with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018, the information you provide will be held confidentially and can only be used if you give us your consent.

*As part of any recruitment process, SSE collects and processes personal data relating to job and volunteer applicants. We are committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses that data and to meeting its data protection obligations. Our data protection policy can be found here: <https://www.the-sse.org/your-data/>*



# Job Applicant Privacy Notice

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## What information does SSE collect?

SSE collects a range of information about you. This includes:

- your name, address and contact details, including email address and telephone number;
- details of your qualifications, skills, experience and employment history;
- whether or not you have a disability for which the organisation needs to make reasonable adjustments during the recruitment process; and
- information about your entitlement to work in the UK;

SSE collects this information in a variety of ways. For example, data might be contained in application forms, CVs or resumes, obtained from your passport or other identity documents, or collected through interviews or other forms of assessment.

SSE will also collect personal data about you from third parties, such as references supplied by former employers. We will seek information from third parties only once a job offer to you has been made and will inform you that it is doing so.

Data will be stored in a range of different places, including on your application record, in HR management systems and on other IT systems (including email).

## Why does the organisation process personal data?

SSE needs to process data to take steps at your request prior to entering into a contract with you. We may also need to process your data to enter into a contract with you.

In some cases, SSE needs to process data to ensure that it is complying with its legal obligations. For example, we are required to check a successful applicant's eligibility to work in the UK before employment starts.

SSE has a legitimate interest in processing personal data during the recruitment process and for keeping records of the process. Processing data from job

applicants allows us to manage the recruitment process, assess and confirm a candidate's suitability for employment, and decide to whom to offer a job. SSE may also need to process data from job applicants to respond to and defend against legal claims.

For some roles, SSE is obliged to seek information about criminal convictions and offences. Where the organisation seeks this information, it does so because it is necessary for us to carry out our obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

SSE will not use your data for any purpose other than the recruitment exercise for which you have applied.

## **Who has access to data?**

Your information will be shared internally for the purposes of the recruitment exercise. This includes members of the HR and recruitment team and interviewers involved in the recruitment process.

We will not share your data with third parties, unless your application for employment is successful and it makes you an offer of employment. SSE will then share your data with former employers to obtain references for you.

SSE will not transfer your data outside the European Economic Area.

## **How does SSE protect data?**

SSE takes the security of your data seriously. It has internal policies and controls in place to ensure that your data is not lost, accidentally destroyed, misused or disclosed, and is not accessed except by our employees in the proper performance of their duties.

## **For how long does SSE keep data?**

If your application for employment is unsuccessful, SSE may hold your data on file for 12 months after the end of the relevant recruitment process. At the end of that period your data is deleted or destroyed.

If your application for employment is successful, personal data gathered during the recruitment process will be transferred to your personnel file and retained during your employment. The periods for which your data will be held will be provided to you in a new privacy notice.

## Your rights

As a data subject, you have a number of rights. You can:

- access and obtain a copy of your data on request;
- require SSE to change incorrect or incomplete data;
- require SSE to delete or stop processing your data, for example where the data is no longer necessary for the purposes of processing;
- object to the processing of your data where the organisation is relying on its legitimate interests as the legal ground for processing; and
- ask SSE to stop processing data for a period if data is inaccurate or there is a dispute about whether or not your interests override SSE's legitimate grounds for processing data.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact [office@sse.org.uk](mailto:office@sse.org.uk). If you believe that SSE has not complied with your data protection rights, you can complain to the Information Commissioner.

## What if you do not provide personal data?

You are under no statutory or contractual obligation to provide data to SSE during the recruitment process. However, if you do not provide the information, we may not be able to process your application properly or at all.

**Data controller: School for Social Entrepreneurs, Ground Floor, 13-15 Dock Street, Whitechapel, London E1 8JN**

**Reg. Charity in England & Wales (1085465)**

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