**Non-Executive Director opportunity**

**Organisation:** Cavan County Council

**Role:** Independent Non-Executive Director for Shannon Pot/Cavan Burren Park Discovery Centre.

**About the Organisation:**

Cavan County Council is responsible for the delivery of wide range of services including the provision of infrastructure services that are necessary to the physical, economic, social and cultural life of the County. Cavan County Council is also the primary driver of social, economic, and community development at a local level in the county. This involves the development of industry, business, and social, arts and cultural affairs in the county as well as capital investment into sustainable tourism infrastructure.

Shannon Pot/Cavan Burren Park Discovery Centre is a transformative project which will enhance the tourism offering in Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands, Cuilcagh Lakelands UNESCO Global Geopark and the wider region. It will be a flagship tourism destination in the northern half of Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands. The project is being developed by Cavan County Council, which has received an award of €7.4 million in funding from Fáilte Ireland through its Platforms for Growth Investment Grants Scheme for Immersive Heritage and Cultural Attractions. A further €2.6 million in match funding will be provided by Cavan County Council from its own resources. The project is expected to drive over €30 million visitor spend and attract over 600,000 visitors by 2036, while creating 10 new jobs in the region as well as supporting many ancillary jobs and businesses in the region.

The attraction will incorporate an immersive visitor exhibition and interpretive space, along with reception, café, retail shop, public amenities, and a new 500-metre walking trail.

The project will also see development of new facilities at the nearby Cavan Burren Park including a unique sky walk through the trees, which will showcase the spectacular views around Ireland’s largest neolithic relict landscape, provision of an outdoor performance space, and increased parking facilities.
Both Cavan Burren Park and the Shannon Pot are key sites in Cuilcagh Lakelands UNESCO Global Geopark, an internationally recognised area of outstanding geological and historical significance, which covers much of Counties Cavan and Fermanagh, and is jointly managed by Cavan County Council and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, the world’s first cross-border Geopark.

Cavan County Council is seeking two individuals with professional experience to join its Board of Directors who will oversee the strategic direction and governance of Shannon Pot and Cavan Burren Park. As a voluntary position, your contribution and expertise will play a vital role in shaping the strategic direction of this transformative tourism development for West Cavan and the wider region. Your experience will provide valuable insight and oversight on board matters.

**Responsibilities:** As part of the Board team, your responsibilities will include:

* Contributing to a strong Board governance framework
* Strategic Decision Making
* Bringing genuine independence of mind to the Board
* Supporting the General Manager of the Shannon Pot Discovery Centre in the implementation and further development of the company strategy and operational plans.
* Constructively challenging and inspiring the General Manager and team on overall performance and on new growth opportunities
* Providing mentoring support and guidance to the General Manager
* Contributing specialist expertise in at least one of the areas listed below.
* Provide insight, analysis and oversight to inform board discussions and decision-making processes.
* Collaborate with other board members to establish and review the development’s strategic direction, vision and goals as well as the operational success of the project.
* Governance and Board Oversight
* Collaborating effectively with external stakeholders including Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark Team for the delivery of regenerative tourism in the region.

**Skillsets & Experience:**

* Recent executive or senior management experience in one of the following areas:
	+ Finance, preferably a qualified accountant
	+ Marketing and Communications
	+ Board Governance
* Strategic thinker with good business judgement and business acumen.
* Analytical and problem-solving skills, with the ability to provide sound and impartial advice and clear recommendations.
* Strong interpersonal skills
* Effective communication skills to ensure comprehensive collaboration with other board members, staff and external stakeholders.
* It would be desirable, but not essential, to have experience in one or more of the following areas:
	+ Business Development
	+ Community Engagement
	+ Sustainable Development
* Prior Board level experience is desirable but not essential.

**Time commitment:** Estimated at 8 to 10 days per annum, covering:

* Board meetings (4-6) plus board strategy day. Board meetings will be held in Cavan.
* Preparation for board meetings
* Potential Subcommittee meetings
* Ongoing support to the General Manager and Team.

Please note that this position is voluntary however, Reasonable travel and subsistence, where approved in advance with the Committee secretary, is payable at appropriate civil service rates. The position provides a unique opportunity to contribute to the development and strategic direction of a flagship tourism destination, influence organisational decisions and make a meaningful contribution to sustainable tourism development from an economic, environmental and social perspective.

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