The Biodynamic Association is seeking a passionate biodynamic communicator with farming, coordination and management skills to develop a range of services and support for biodynamic farmers in the UK.

*Biodynamic Farm Services is the Biodynamic Association’s new venture to develop and support a range of services for biodynamic and farming professionals. Its ambitious target clientele are existing biodynamic farmers and growers, as well as bringing on board organic, agroecological, permaculture and others in the alternative farming movements, and conventional farmers and growers.*

**Applications close on 20.9.20 – please send a CV and letter of interest to -** **office@biodynamic.org.uk**

## Summary

* Job Title: Biodynamic Farm Services Development Manager
* Responsible to BDA Executive Director (monthly attendance at Stroud office required)
* Position: part-time, 24 months, renewable
* Remuneration: FTE 0.4-0.6 post (based on 37.5hr week) at FTE £25,000-26,800 pa

## Objectives of the position

1. Research, consult and create a cohesive business development strategy:
	* + To support farms/farmers and growers – in viticulture, mixed farming, horticulture etc
		+ To enable conversion planning and process
		+ To become a financially self-supporting consultancy/advisory enterprise by the end of the 2 year period
2. Implementation of this strategy, that will include:
* Develop, collate and share promotional /educational material
* Establish consultancy service
* Create workshops and engagement on specific topics to share best practice and research
* Enable engagement with a variety of economic models for greater farm viability and community connection; such as CSAs and associative ‘round table’ cooperatives
* Work with the biodynamic, agroecological and regenerative farming networks and trainings
* Engage with biodynamic research and support innovative research models and programmes

## Responsibilities

* Carry day to day leadership, management, implementation and administration coordination for the venture
* Work with and as part of the BDA and Certification team as appropriate
* Seek opportunities for paid and voluntary personnel support for this venture

## Skills and experience

* Essential: a thorough understanding and experience of biodynamics
* Excellent communication skills on various media: including public speaking and social media
* Leadership and team skills
* Formal qualification to degree level in relevant subject (or equivalent)
* Good IT and admin skills including wordpress, spreadsheets
* Good organising, facilitating and coordination skills
* Be willing to travel and sometimes work outside office hours
* Preferred: understanding and experience of alternative agriculture and its networks
* Experience of enterprise / business start-up and development.