

I am delighted that you are considering applying for a role as member of the Scheme Administrator Steering Group at PackUK.

PackUK is the Scheme Administrator for the packaging Extended Producer Responsibility (pEPR) scheme. It sits within the Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) who host PackUK on behalf of all four UK nations.

pEPR is part of an ambitious plan to reduce the amount of packaging that is difficult to recycle or cannot be recycled, by imposing a levy on producers and by using this levy to fund local authorities to deliver efficient and effective waste management solutions for packaging waste.

Being a member of the Steering Group is a unique chance to be at the forefront of one of the UK's most significant environmental reforms. As a member, you'll provide valuable feedback, recommendations, and technical advice that will contribute to the UK's ambition to transition to a circular economy and to achieve net zero.

The need for an effective pEPR scheme that shifts the cost of managing household packaging waste to producers has never been more critical. The launch of PackUK marks an exciting leap forward in delivering this. We remain committed to working closely across the four nations, producers, and stakeholders across the collection and packaging value chain.

Together, all four nations have an ambition to deliver a fair and collaborative pEPR scheme that addresses the challenges of packaging waste and lays the foundation for a more sustainable and responsible approach to packaging into the future.

If you are committed to making a difference in how we value and utilise packaging materials as build a more sustainable future, and you have the skills, knowledge, and experience to contribute to this vital advisory group please read on to find out what is involved.

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