



## UK Bioenergy Campaigner

- Location: Home-based, preferably from London, other UK locations considered
- Full time: 35 hours per week – possibility of job-sharing depending on suitable applicants
- Contract: 12 months fixed term with the possibility of extension (depending on fundraising success)
- Salary: £21,000 pro rata plus 3% employer's pension contribution
- Annual Leave: 33 days pro rata in year 1, including public holidays
- Closing Date: Wednesday 15th May (11pm)

Biofuel Watch is a non-profit organisation that campaigns against destructive and high-carbon bioenergy. We collaborate with other movements and organisations against different forms of dirty energy, to help bring about a fundamental reform of energy policies. We want to see all support in the energy sector go towards energy conservation, energy efficiency and genuinely low-carbon energy, such as wind and solar power.

Our main UK campaigns aim to a) redirect renewable electricity subsidies from biomass to wind, solar and wave power, b) through ending biomass subsidies, force the closure of Drax power station to end its coal and world-record setting wood pellet burning and it's mega gas power plans. Across the EU, we provide national and local groups with support and information about the impacts of wood-based bioenergy and help with campaign building.

We are looking for one full-time or two part-time Bioenergy Campaigners to join our small, dedicated team of paid staff and volunteers and to help us grow and strengthen our UK and EU-wide campaigns.

### **How to apply**

The closing date for the job is 11pm Wednesday 15th May please visit our website <https://www.biofuelwatch.org.uk/2019/bioenergy-campaigner/>

complete the application form and email it (in Word, Open Office or as a pdf) to [biofuelwatch@gmail.com](mailto:biofuelwatch@gmail.com) . Please note we will only look at information contained in the application form, not at separate CVs.

We will inform all applicants after the application deadline whether you have been shortlisted and invited to interviews. Interviews will be held by Skype or video link.

## Job Description:

Biofuelwatch is recruiting for a 12-month full time Bioenergy Campaigner. We will consider the possibility of job-sharing, depending on suitable candidates. There is a chance of the term of employment being extended, depending on successful fundraising by Biofuelwatch. The post is subject to three months' probationary period.

Biofuelwatch does not have an office and staff and volunteers work from different locations in the UK and USA. We are a small, supportive team, communicating via Skype and other platforms on a day-to-day basis. Living in or near London or in Yorkshire will be an advantage, however, we will consider applicants based elsewhere in the UK.

The UK Bioenergy Campaigner will take a key role in delivering Biofuelwatch's UK biomass campaigning, including our #AxeDrax campaign. S/he will help to build an effective outreach, information and advocacy campaign against subsidies for biomass electricity in the UK, for the closure of Drax Power Station, and for an end to biomass burning in power plants. The work will include informing MPs and civil servants as well as journalists, community groups and other campaigning organisations about issues related to biomass electricity; providing assistance to colleagues in supporting and advising campaigners against destructive biomass energy developments in EU-27 countries; and working closely with other members of an international biomass working group hosted by the Environmental Paper Network.

To find out more about Biofuelwatch's work, see:

- UK subsidies campaign: [biofuelwatch.org.uk/end-biomass-subsidies/](http://biofuelwatch.org.uk/end-biomass-subsidies/)
- #AxeDrax campaign: [biofuelwatch.org.uk/axedrax-campaign/](http://biofuelwatch.org.uk/axedrax-campaign/)
- Campaign support: [biofuelwatch.org.uk/2015/community-campaign-support/](http://biofuelwatch.org.uk/2015/community-campaign-support/)

Key responsibilities:

- Helping to develop and deliver strategic campaigns against key bioenergy developments;
- Producing easily-accessible resources for the website, media and social media, as well as fact sheets for different audiences regarding different issues relevant to bioenergy and Biofuelwatch's work;
- Organising and presenting at outreach and information events aimed at different audiences (e.g. policy makers, members of the public, environmental activists);
- Attending relevant events, including at Westminster, on behalf of Biofuelwatch;
- Building and supporting networks, for example of different groups campaigning against specific bioenergy developments, or against different forms of dirty energy;
- Helping to produce articles and newsletters relevant to Biofuelwatch's campaigns;
- Working with and supporting local and national groups and campaigns opposing specific biomass projects in different EU-27 countries;

- Helping to organise banner protests and/or photo opportunities in the UK;
- Assisting with media and social media work;
- Maintaining and strengthening alliances with NGOs with common aims, both in the UK and internationally;
- Supporting Biofuelwatch's fundraising efforts by helping to research funding opportunities, drafting grant applications and reports to funders as required. This work is shared between all staff.

### Person Specification:

Qualifications	Essential	Desirable
Degree: If you do not have a degree but you can demonstrate experience with researching and analysing complex information to a high standard then please consider applying for this post.		YES

Skills/competencies and experience	Essential	Desirable
Minimum of six months full-time (paid or voluntary) work for a campaigning organisation or equivalent (e.g. 1 year part-time)	YES	
Experience of working for a small non-profit organisation (paid or voluntary)	YES	
Proven commitment to environmental and climate justice	YES	
Experience of networking with NGOs, residents' groups, and/or with policymakers	YES	
Experience of parliamentary outreach work		YES
Commitment to Biofuelwatch's aims and objectives ( <a href="http://www.biofuelwatch.org.uk/about/">http://www.biofuelwatch.org.uk/about/</a> )	YES	
Good understanding of UK energy policy and a critical analysis of extreme energy		YES
High level of verbal communication skills and proven track-record of using telephone skills, public speaking and giving presentations	YES	
High level of written communication skills with a proven record of producing publishable materials for targeted audiences under time pressure	YES	

Experience in media work, including writing press releases/media advisories and/or giving media interviews		YES
Experience of local campaign building (including initial outreach)		YES
Experience in writing grant applications and reports to funders		YES
Experience in desktop research (for paid or volunteer work or study)	YES	
Good computing/office skills and competency in using Word, Excel, PowerPoint or OpenOffice equivalents as well as Google documents and spreadsheets	YES	

<b>Personal qualities</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
Being self-motivated and able to work independently as well as within a team	YES	
Ability to work from home	YES	
Experience in working in an isolated setting/from home while being part of a team		YES

<b>Other</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
Living in London		YES
Ability and willingness to travel by public transport when required (primarily within the UK, possibly also to the near continent)	YES	
Ability and willingness to work occasional weekends and evenings when required (with time off in lieu provisions)	YES	
Access to your own computer and reliable broadband during all working hours	YES	