



Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games – Job Description

Job title:	Senior Government Activation Manager
Division:	CEO Office
Department:	Strategic Partnerships, Protocol & Stakeholder Relations
Reports to:	Head of Strategic Partnerships
Location:	95 Bothwell Street, Glasgow

Background to the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games

The journey to Glasgow 2026 starts now – and we want YOU to be part of it!

Get ready for a brilliant new era for the Commonwealth Games, blending world-class sport with a sustainable, future-focused vision. In under 200 days, Glasgow will transform into a global hub for sport and culture, welcoming 3,000 athletes from 74 nations, across 11 days of action, fuelled by the city's unstoppable energy and passion.

Glasgow 2026 is set to revolutionise the Games with a bold experience that reflects the city's resilience and innovation. This is more than just an event; it's a movement – a celebration of unity, equality, and sporting excellence. A movement that will not only deliver a world-class sporting experience, but will also create a lasting legacy, maximising social and economic benefits for the city and the Commonwealth.

Joining the Glasgow 2026 team means being part of something extraordinary. This is an opportunity to shape the future of major sporting events, bringing the world together for 11 days of unforgettable competition and culture.

The Senior Government Activation Manager is a brand-new role within the CEO office, designed to galvanise relationships and drive the positive sentiment surround the Games into tangible action and activity both nationally and internationally. You will be a strong advocate for the Games with our strategic partners across Scotland and the UK.

Glasgow 2026 is a £150m investment and receives no public funding. The event does, however, represent a unique opportunity for local and national public bodies or agencies to deliver align strategic programmes or initiatives to realise positive outcomes for communities. As the Senior Government Activation Manager, you will build confidence in our deliver plans and be unafraid of challenging stakeholders to do more to maximise the opportunity of Glasgow stepping up to host the Games for the whole of Scotland and the UK.

This role will work closely with our Public Affairs Manager who leads our political engagement and external relations with Governments. The successful candidate will bring a strong understanding of the workings of central and local governments and know how to drive action by fostering strong relationships that unlock resources to move at pace.



Our Strategic Partnerships department is based within the CEO office and is at the heart of building the culture, values and ethos required for this world-class event to enhance the city and nation's reputation. You will be working with a passionate team of professionals and leaders who are committed to showcasing Glasgow and Scotland on the international stage as well as delivering excellence for athletes, national partners and our communities.

This role focuses on making ideas a reality. You will work closely with teams across the Organising Company, including Stakeholders Relations and Protocol, Public Engagement, Media & Communications, City Operations and City Activations to build and execute integrated delivery plans with shared purpose for high profile global event.

Role Summary / Key Accountabilities

Government Partner Management & Activation

- Act as senior liaison from the Organising Company with UK Government and Scottish Government on the detail of their respective operational delivery plans.
- Drive the practical implementation of commitments made by national agencies of Government to support the success of the Games through value-add initiatives. Provide constructive challenge, delivery solutions and stretch the ambition of their initiatives, ensuring alignment with OC objectives and public expectations.
- Build trust and engagement amongst senior civil servants; ensure that they are kept informed of the Games and act as our advocates.
- Lead the coordination of OC meetings with Government Partners, including providing briefings to the CEO and Director of Strategic Partnerships.
- In conjunction with the OC Public Affairs Manager, support the delivery of impactful pre-Games visits that include Government representation.
- Design and prepare itineraries and plans for high profile Government visits.
- Represent Glasgow 2026 at government-led meetings, forums and events.

Protocol Integration, Hosted Events & Advocacy

- During Games time support the Protocol team with the management of Government dignitaries, overseeing the OC's dignitary management volunteers.
- In liaison with the Commonwealth Games Association (CGA) Relations Team, support pro-active engagement with foreign Governments on international dignitary attendance at Games Time and digital advocacy opportunities.
- Working with the Head of Strategic Partnerships, design and deliver a 'hosted events' programme that gives national and international events leaders the opportunity to go behind-the-scenes at Glasgow 2026 and learn about the new model in conjunction with the official Commonwealth Sport Observer Programme.



- Leverage Scotland's national agencies to maximise wrap around events that amplify the tourism, trade and diplomatic impact of the Games being hosted in Scotland.
- Work with internal and external stakeholders, and the Sponsor Services team, to deconflict OC hosted events with wider events planned activity during Games time

Knowledge & Experience

You will bring:

- Strong understanding of devolved Administration Government and UK Government structures and their respective decision-making processes.
- Practical working knowledge of engaging with arms-length bodies and national agencies of Government.
- A dynamic and motivational style of working that drives momentum and action.
- Experience working in a fast-paced environment and driving action through others.
- Proven ability to manage complex, high-profile stakeholder relationships.
- The ability to influence and provide constructive challenge to external partners.
- Excellent written communication skills, including briefings for senior audiences.
- Political awareness, judgement and discretion.
- Knowledge of sport, culture, major events and/or international events.

Responsibilities of the role will evolve during the lifespan of the OC, and the role profile will adapt at Games time to the operational requirements of the Games.