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Information for those interested in becoming a Trustee of EIL UK

What is a Trustee?

Trustees are volunteers who generously give their time to support a charity and ensure robust governance of the organisation. They determine the overall direction and development of the charity, ensuring that it adheres to the purpose for which it was established. Trustees are Directors of the company limited by guarantee and members of the charity.

Trustees have certain statutory responsibilities including monitoring performance and safeguarding the good name and values of the charity. In addition, they play an active role in the growth and success of the charity by lending their experience, skills and enthusiasm to support the work of the Chief Executive and staff.

What is expected of the Trustees of EIL UK?

There is a formal requirement to attend meetings of the Board of Trustees, normally held four times a year, currently on Saturday mornings at a Worcestershire venue. Meetings typically last for up to 3 hours. Travel expenses are reimbursed where required.

As a minimum, Board members are expected to attend all Board meetings and the EIL AGM but to be truly effective Trustees need to keep in regular touch with the charity, updating themselves on activities and progress.

In addition to the contribution they make through meetings, our Trustees use their skills and experience to support specific projects and activities (e.g. funding bids, meetings with stakeholders etc).

We also expect Trustees to undertake induction training and other ad hoc development activities. Trustees are appointed for a renewable 3-year term.

What qualities does EIL UK look for in its Trustees?

To make a real contribution to the Board, Trustees must have the following personal skills and qualities:

- a strong personal commitment to and empathy with the vision and mission of EIL UK
- a willingness to meet the minimum time requirement
- integrity
- strategic vision
- good, independent judgement

- the ability to think creatively
- a willingness to speak their mind
- an understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, role and responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship
- an ability to work effectively as a member of a team and to take decisions for the good of EIL UK
- a willingness to act as an advocate in promoting the work of the organisation both within their personal networks and to the wider world.

What skills and experience are currently required?

Our current Board members bring a diverse range of experience to the charity, but we have identified some gaps which we are keen to fill. In particular we would like to engage new Trustees who can bring skills and experience in one or more of the following fields:

- Business growth and development
- Income generation and enterprise
- Multi-cultural initiatives and activities
- Education sector
- International development
- Working with local communities
- Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

Other requirements

- An enhanced DBS check, (the charity covers the cost) in line with EIL's safeguarding policy and procedures
- A declaration of interests
- A signed acceptance to adhere to the Standards of Public Life
- Adhere to the charity's policies and procedures
- Uphold the Charity Governance Code www.charitygovernancecode.org

Interested? – to find out more.....

If you would be interested in finding out more about the role and how our Board operates, please get in touch with our Chair of Trustees or Chief Executive, as follows:

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