

Trustee Role Description Autumn 2020

Introduction.

The Heritage Alliance is the largest coalition of independent heritage organisations in the UK, with over 150 members. We are a charity. We embrace some very large organisations and many smaller ones; the unifying factor between them is a love of our diverse built, natural and created heritage. Like so many others, our sector has faced real challenges in recent months but the Alliance has continued to grow. We are uniquely well placed to share ideas and information between our members and with Government and other funding organisations and policy-makers. We are passionate about promoting the importance of heritage to prosperity, wellbeing, our environment and social resilience. We believe that heritage informs and inspires the present and the future and that it is central to creative enterprise.

We promote new thinking and conversations. We have active programmes aimed at building capacity and capability amongst our members and the wider sector. We promote partnerships, host events and debates and offer practical support and information.

We are currently looking for new Trustees to join our dynamic organisation.

More information about our activities, our current policy priorities, and our team can be found [here](#).

The role of Trustees.

We have a maximum of 12 Trustees who are generally appointed for two terms of three years.

Their role is:

- * To shape strategy
- * To advocate and represent the sector
- * To monitor performance against objectives
- * To support and advise the Executive team

Trustees champion and promote our vision and objectives. We wish to see a society which:

- * Recognises the contemporary role of heritage places, spaces and objects.

* Values its contribution to creating and sustaining social, educational, environmental and economic value

* Supports and recognises the importance of volunteering.

The board meets formally four or five times a year including at an AGM. Other meetings may take place as necessary. Meetings are currently being held virtually. The role is not remunerated but reasonable expenses are repayable.

Qualities and Experience Required.

We are seeking to diversify the composition of the board in order better to reflect the varied geographical, cultural and age characteristics of the UK.

We will also encourage candidates with experience in fundraising, income generation, membership development, change management and IT.

We will be looking for candidates who are able to demonstrate:

* An understanding of, and commitment to, the work of the Alliance and its members;

* Independence of mind and judgement;

* Strategic vision;

* Communication skills;

* A good understanding of the wider political and cultural changes which might affect the sector and public perceptions of heritage;

* The ability to work as part of a team;

* Knowledge of the principles of good charitable governance;

* Experience of advocacy and of public affairs.

How to Apply.

To apply for this role, or if you have any questions about Alliance Trusteeship, please submit a CV and covering letter to our Deputy Chair Ingrid Samuel at ingrid.samuel@nationaltrust.org.uk by 1 December 2020.