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Trustees and Chair of Trustees

Unremunerated but reasonable expenses paid

Introduction

The Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLEES) is the national organisation for local economies. Established in 1986, we are a charitable company limited by guarantee, working towards a future where local economies benefit people, place and the planet. This will happen when wealth and power serve local people rather than the other way around, enabling communities to flourish.

We have an international reputation for our pioneering work on community wealth building and are recognised as the curators of the movement in the UK. We work across the UK including with the devolved governments of Scotland and Wales, local authorities, NHS trusts and metro mayors (to name but a few).

Despite the challenges of the last two years, this is an exciting time for CLEES. Our new Chief Executive was appointed in June 2021 and our reputation and the influence, scale and depth of our work is stronger than ever.

With several of our dedicated Trustees – including the current Chair – due to retire in the coming months, we are appointing a new Chair of Trustees and two Trustees to join us at this exciting time.

About our Trustees

The new Trustees will work collaboratively as part of the CLEES board, alongside our Chief Executive and the CLEES team to help develop and strengthen our work so that we can continue to deliver our charitable mission and purpose.

The duties of Trustees include:

- ensuring that CLEES complies with its governing document, charity law, company law and any other relevant legislation and regulations;

- contributing actively to the board of Trustees by working with the Chief Executive and senior leadership team to provide constructive feedback and clear strategic direction for CLES, including overseeing policy, setting targets and reflecting on impact;
- ensuring our financial stability and accountability;
- safeguarding our reputation and values; and
- ensuring that the work we do benefits the public interest.

About the Chair of Trustees

In addition to the duties outlined above, the Chair of Trustees will work closely with the Chief Executive and senior staff to:

- help plan and run Trustee meetings;
- lead on ensuring that meetings are properly run and recorded;
- lead on ensuring that Trustees comply with their duties and the charity is well governed;
- act as a link between Trustees and staff; and
- line manage the Chief Executive on behalf of the Trustees.

Time commitment

CLES board meetings are held four times a year plus one annual away day.

CLES operates a hybrid working arrangement and so Trustees have the option to join meetings remotely. There is an expectation that Trustees will attend away days in person.

The Chair of Trustees is expected to commit to a one-to-one meeting with the Chief Executive, once every month, for the purposes of providing line management support and to help plan future priorities for the Trustees.



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How to apply

Interested parties are invited to submit a letter of application (maximum two pages) with an accompanying CV to info@cles.org.uk. Applicants should use the letter to outline their suitability for the role based on the job description above.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on 6 May 2022. Interviews will be held in the week commencing 23 May 2022.

To arrange an informal discussion about the roles with our Chief Executive, Sarah Longlands, or our acting Chair of Trustees, Andy Donald, please contact lisa.adamson@cles.org.uk, or call Sarah on 07919 050882.



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