



The WFGA is a well-respected horticultural Charity providing a gateway for those wanting to develop and expand their knowledge and experience in horticulture across all levels. We aim to offer benefits of horticultural training and inspire career development across the country.

Adopting 'Advancing Horticulture – Changing Lives' as our mission statement, we provide unique all-round advice and support for horticultural education. Since 1899, through our membership-based organisation, we offer flexible training, educational opportunities, and horticultural experiences throughout the UK. The Charity is open at every level to those who want to learn, whether an experienced gardener or an enthusiastic newcomer, amateur/professional or those looking to change career.

Established in 1899 as the Women's Farm and Garden Association, the Charity has had a significant impact within the world of horticulture. The legacy began before WW1 supporting women in agriculture and horticulture and subsequently continued throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century. During the latter part, the Charity developed the Work & Retrain as a Gardener Scheme (WRAGS), a unique practical part-time gardening scheme. This offers members from all walks of life, the opportunity to learn on the job, whilst earning the National Living Wage. This is a widely known and respected training scheme amongst the horticultural community, with many Head Gardeners having started their careers via this route.

## Trustee Search

Following our recent working name change to 'Working for Gardeners', the Charity emerges from the pandemic in a strong position and looks to build on our reputation and legacy in 2022 and beyond. For more information, please visit our website: [www.wfga.org.uk](http://www.wfga.org.uk).

We are now at an important time in our development and are searching for two additional trustees to join our Board of Trustees.

The WFGA has made significant progress over the past few years, and our strategy remains focused on our original objectives with renewed energy post the pandemic. In this light we are looking for individuals with backgrounds in the following areas: Finance/treasury, education, IT, fund raising.

We are keen to increase the diversity of the Board, therefore other backgrounds are also very welcome, as well as ideally, an interest in horticulture

In all cases you will have an enthusiasm for helping an organisation with a long history, position itself to deliver its charitable objectives in a contemporary context and to appeal to all walks of horticultural interest.

## Role Description

**Trustee Summary:** Trustees are accountable to the Charity Commission for the proper running of the Society. A full information pack and mentoring will be provided.

**Terms:** These are unremunerated, non-executive positions. Expenses may be claimed in line with the Society's Expenses Policy.

**Location:** UK based. Subject to the ability to fulfil the practical requirements of the role. Attending meetings in person is desirable but since the pandemic participation online is possible.

**Time commitment:** The Board meets 5 times a year (including a meeting around the AGM in May), currently via online platforms. There may be additional meetings where necessary. Trustees are expected to prepare for meetings and to be available for occasional consultation by the Chair outside the cycle of meetings.

If you would like to be considered, please send an application in the form of a CV (maximum two pages) and a covering letter explaining your interest and how you believe you can contribute to the WFGA's future growth and development.

**Applications** should be sent in confidence to our Chair of Trustees, Vanessa Easlea at [admin@wfga.org.uk](mailto:admin@wfga.org.uk). If you would like to know more about the role and the WFGA please contact the Chair, Vanessa Easlea via the office address above for an informal discussion. Discussions with current board members can also be arranged.

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