



Trustee Search

The WFGA (Working for Gardeners Association) 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. We are the administrators of the Work & Retrain as a Gardener Scheme (WRAGS).

The Charity has emerged from recent years in a strong position and looks to build on our reputation and legacy. A summary of our history is below and on our website: www.wfga.org.uk.

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

We are looking for individuals with backgrounds in the following specific area but welcome others who believe they have specific skills to offer and are keen to get involved at a trustee level.

Media, Marketing & Publicity

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.

Role Description

Trustee Summary: Trustees are accountable to the Charity Commission regulatory requirements. A full information pack and mentoring will be provided.

Terms: Voluntary 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. Trustees should attend meetings on-line and in person as per the WFGA Board meeting calendar.

Time commitment: The Board meets 4-5 times a year (including a meeting around the AGM in May), a combination of online and face to face meetings. 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 with a current CV should be sent in confidence to our Chair of Trustees, Vanessa Easlea at chair@wfga.org.uk and cc admin@wfga.org.uk. Discussions with current board members can also be arranged.

Charity Background

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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 originally 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 20th 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.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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