

Invitation to become a Trustee of the Field Studies Council

The Field Studies Council (FSC) is the UK's leading charity sector provider of outdoor environmental education: <http://www.field-studies-council.org/about.aspx>. We do not receive core revenue funding from statutory sources, and therefore rely on fees paid by our visitors and on the generosity of donors, trust funds and grant bodies to finance our activities.

Much of our work is based at our Field Study Centres, which have an international reputation for high standards of school and university teaching and associated facilities: <http://www.field-studies-council.org/centres.aspx>. The staff complement of over 500 is directly supported in its work by Trustees: <http://www.field-studies-council.org/about/how-we-are-run.aspx>

We are looking for potential new Trustees to support the work of the FSC. The work is unpaid, but immensely rewarding in terms of impact on educational and wider attainment. The time commitment is in the region of 5-10 days per year depending on involvement in sub-committees and Centre(s).

Role of the Trustee

The role of Trustee of the FSC is exciting, varied and extremely rewarding. Key areas of responsibility are:

- Work with colleagues and staff to promote the vision and enhance the profile of the FSC;
- Provide and pursue strategic direction, encouraging new partnerships, ways of working and supporter engagement, which secures buy-in from government, agencies, Local Authorities, and grant awarding bodies;
- Exercise expert judgement and scrutiny for the organisation, contributing fully to Board Meetings and sub-committees to ensure excellent governance;
- Support the Chief Executive and Senior Leadership Team;
- Promote the credibility and brand of the FSC.

Qualities Required

We welcome applications from candidates with the relevant skills and expertise to carry out this role effectively. We are particularly interested in candidates who have a background in finance or marketing.

Our Trustees are:

- Skilled individuals with expertise in health and well-being linked to the environment, corporate law, working with a wide range of communities, and with experience of fundraising and supporter engagement;
- Knowledgeable and influential in their field;
- Creative people committed to environmental education and awareness;
- Passionate about what we do, acting as an ambassador and communicator;
- Enthusiastic and engaging with the ability to inspire.

Notifications of interest, consisting of a CV, a supporting statement (maximum 2 sides of A4), and names of two referees whom we may approach, should be sent by email to: leanne@field-studies-council.org

To arrange an informal discussion with either the Chief Executive or one of the Trustees please contact Leanne Broome on above email address.

The closing date for notifications is **9am Monday 20 November 2017**.

Interviews for potential candidates will be take place on **Wednesday 29 November 2017** at FSC's Head Office in Shrewsbury, Shropshire.