

TRUSTEE

Volunteer role

Required for: ASAP

Information Pack



Forest of
Dean Trust

FODT TRUSTEE VACANCY

We are currently seeking a trustee to join the board of the **Forest of Dean Trust (FODT)**, an expanding multi-academy trust of 3 schools.

As a trustee your key responsibilities will be to:

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Hold executive leaders to account – both for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils and the effective and efficient performance management of staff
- Oversee the organisation's financial performance and ensure its funds are directed to the best possible educational outcomes for young people

By volunteering as a trustee you will be responsible for contributing to the strategic decision-making of the board, helping the trust to realise immediate and long-term goals, and ultimately ensuring transparency, accountability and challenge.

About the Forest of Dean Trust

The Forest of Dean Trust was founded in April 2020 and consists of 3 local schools and a sixth form. We believe that how we work together makes us stand out and as a Trust we are passionate about securing the future of quality of all through education in the Forest of Dean. We acknowledge the potential sustainability risks for rural schools and see our Trust as instrumental in ensuring these vital schools survive.

We place quality teaching at the heart of all we do and raise aspirations for young people and teachers in all our schools. The Trust applies proven strategies to raising the quality of teaching, outcomes, leadership and management to all schools. We demonstrate that through effective leadership and management, all of our schools can thrive and provide beacons of high standards in our wider community.

The Trust has an annual operating budget of around £10m and collectively the schools serve over 1,400 pupils with 240 staff. The Trust has managed its finances to support the schools however it is expected that this will continue to be a matter which needs reviewing in order to support sustainability.

What the trust is looking for

The Trust is seeking one Trustee to join their Trust board and sit on their Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is responsible for delving into the finances and accounts of the Trust and has been created to lead the development of strategic plans and provide leadership on financial issues. Ideally the successful candidate should have experience involving finance and ideally having an understanding of education.

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Trustee meetings are held 6 times a year. Meetings run 5:30pm-7:30pm and are typically held on Tuesdays. Meetings are hybrid, working between in person meetings and virtual meetings. The Finance Committee meets a minimum of 3 times a year but more can be held as required and these meetings are often held virtually or on site during the school day. Finance Committee meeting times are arranged in advance and will be set in discussion with the Committee members to ensure best fit.

General information about being a Trustee in the Education Sector

What difference will you make?

Volunteering on an academy trust board is deeply rewarding as it allows you to impact the life chances of young people. Academy trusts support schools to give children a better future. For young people to have the best possible opportunities in later life, it's vital we have individuals with the right expertise leading schools and holding executive teams accountable. Becoming a trustee is a fantastic opportunity to give back to your local community by strengthening education.

As well as looking for new opportunities to give something back to society, you may be looking for opportunities to build your experience in strategic decision-making or demonstrate your ability to perform in a non-executive position as part of a portfolio career.

Further Information

You can find out more information about the Trust on our website: <https://www.fodt.co.uk/>

How to apply

If you'd like to apply to this role or would like further information please email Hannah Tufnell (Governance Professional for FODT) at h.tufnell@fodt.co.uk