



FPH BOARD LAY MEMBER

Post description and person specification

Introduction

The Faculty of Public Health (FPH) is the leading professional body for public health specialists and practitioners in the UK, with a membership of almost 4,000 professionals around the world. The Faculty is a registered charity and a joint faculty of the three Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK. Its vision is 'better health for all – leaving no one behind'.

Over the last two years, public health has faced its greatest challenge since the Second World War. The Faculty has played a crucial and influential role in advising, supporting and challenging the government at all levels on its response to COVID-19. It has worked effectively with partners, including the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and the Local Government Association, in advocating on key issues and has supported its members throughout the pandemic, many of whom have been working on the frontline demonstrating exceptional professionalism, dedication and resilience.

Public health is now high on the political agenda and the Faculty has an important leadership role to play in addressing the consequences of the pandemic and the increasing challenges of health inequalities.

The Board is the Faculty's ultimate decision-making body and is responsible for approving and monitoring delivery of the [FPH strategy](#). This covers all aspects of the Faculty's work, including education and training, workforce development, advocacy and global public health.

Board Lay Members

FPH is looking to recruit up to three lay members to advise the Board on strategic and operational matters, to challenge its thinking on some of the big issues facing public health, eg sustainability, and to contribute to the innovation agenda, particularly in relation to marketing, branding and positioning. This is an exciting and important role within the Faculty and we hope would serve as a valuable addition to the successful applicants' personal development.

Lay members can come from any background but should ideally have demonstrable experience of financial and business matters in the private, public or voluntary sectors and/or broad experience and knowledge of charity law.

Lay members should also be able to demonstrate a record of achievement and personal credibility in their field as well as the ability to analyse complex issues, assess reports impartially and reach a considered view on the basis of the information available.

The successful applicants would be expected to attend and contribute to approximately five meetings per year and further ad-hoc contributions via video, telephone and email.

Person specification

Essential

- Interest in and commitment to the values of public health
- Demonstrable experience of financial and business matters in the private, public or voluntary sectors, and/or broad experience/knowledge of charity law
- Not a current member of FPH
- Good knowledge and use of English language

Desirable

- Previous experience as a non-executive or lay member of any voluntary or public sector body
- Knowledge of some of the big challenges facing the future health of the public, eg sustainability
- Experience in innovation, particularly marketing, branding and positioning

Terms and conditions

- The term of this post is initially three years but can be extended for a further term following agreement by the Board.
- The anticipated time commitment is up to six days per year.
- The post is non-remunerated. However, reasonable travel expenses will be covered in line with the FPH expenses policy.
- Lay members must abide by issues of confidentiality on matters discussed at Board meetings.
- Lay members must confirm that they have no interest that would conflict with the charitable status of FPH.

Further information on the Faculty is available on the FPH website – www.fph.org.uk.

Interested candidates are invited to forward their CV, together with a covering letter outlining what they could bring to the role, to carolinewren@fph.org.uk by **Friday 17 June 2022**.

The Faculty is an equal opportunities employer and would welcome applications from all sections of the community.

The Faculty's Chief Executive, James Gore, would be happy to discuss the role with interested individuals prior to submission of a formal application – jamesgore@fph.org.uk, 020 3696 1462.

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