



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 World War II. 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 we are looking to capitalise on this as we return our focus to health inequalities and key national and global issues, such as climate change.

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

We are looking to recruit three lay members to join the Board and support our work as we emerge from COVID-19.

We are seeking to engage people from a wide range of backgrounds. We would welcome applications from individuals with experience in particular in the voluntary community sector, or who have a sense of some of the big challenges that will impact on the future health of the public (eg sustainability) and the knowledge to challenge our thinking. We are also looking for individuals who are working or have experience in the innovation space, ie marketing, branding and positioning, and those with expertise in the media or equality, diversity and inclusion. A lay member from a finance or accounting background would also be welcome, who could support the work of our Risk Management, Audit & Finance Committee. Lay members should not have experience of working in core public health and the posts are not open to current members of the Faculty.

Lay members should 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
- Ability to analyse complex issues and assess reports impartially
- Professional written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills
- Good, independent judgment
- Ability to think creatively
- Ability to work effectively as a member of a team
- Demonstrable record of achievement and personal credibility in field of expertise
- Not a current member of FPH

Desirable

- Previous experience as a non-executive or lay member of a voluntary or public sector body
- Interest in some of the big challenges facing the future health of the public and the knowledge to challenge our thinking
- Expertise in innovation (marketing, branding and positioning), the media, or equality, diversity and inclusion
- Background in finance or accounting and/or broad knowledge of charity law

Terms and conditions

- The term of office 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 **Wednesday 31 August 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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