



FPH BOARD LAY MEMBER

Post description, person specification and application details

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 about 6,000 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'.

The Faculty is an independent, member-supported, standard-setting body, essential for the viability of high-quality delivery of public health, and the education and continuing professional development of public health professionals within the UK. The past decade has been a period of significant growth and achievement for the FPH, including in its membership, which has enabled it to expand its influence and impact on public health policy and practice in the UK and overseas.

The Board is the Faculty's ultimate decision-making body and is responsible for monitoring delivery of the [FPH strategy for 2025-2030](#), amongst other things. The strategy sets out five strategic areas of focus: (1) public health workforce strategy and development; (2) promoting health equity; (3) public health advocacy; (4) accelerating population health impact; (5) championing innovation in policy practice. The FPH priorities for a healthier, fairer and more productive UK are also discussed in its [Vision for the public's health](#).

The full responsibilities of the Board, together with membership details, are [available here](#).

For further information on the work of the Faculty, please visit our website at www.fph.org.uk.

Board Lay Members

The composition of the Board includes up to three lay members and we currently have a vacancy for one new member.

We would welcome applications from individuals from a wide range of backgrounds, including the voluntary community sector, who have a sense of some of the big challenges that will impact on the future health of the public (e.g. sustainability) and the knowledge to challenge our thinking. We are also looking for individuals who are working or have experience in the innovation space, i.e. marketing, branding and positioning, and those with expertise in the media or equality, diversity and inclusion. 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 applicant would be expected to attend and contribute to five meetings a year and respond to other ad-hoc communications, generally by email. The majority of Board meetings are held online, with just its annual away day in late September/early October held in person in central London.

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 the Faculty of Public Health
- Commitment to Nolan's seven principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership

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.

Application process

The FPH is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion, and to tackling any form of racism or violence. We are committed to minority ethnic representation at our senior leadership level 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.

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 **Monday 5 January 2026**.

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