

Role profile: Animal Welfare Foundation Trustee

Purpose of role:

The Board has overall legal responsibility for the Animal Welfare Foundation (AWF) and is responsible for providing strategic direction to achieve AWF's mission, as well as ensuring its financial stability and safeguarding its good name.

Key responsibilities:

- Make strategic, financial and governance decisions together with the Board.
- Support the Charity Operations Manager to deliver the charity's strategy.
- Scrutinise trustee meeting papers and attend trustee meetings (in person and virtual).
- Keep updated on the charity's activities and actively advocate for the work of AWF to improve engagement and reach.
- Draw on any business and personal connections and experience to enable the development of supportive partnerships.
- Understand and assess the merit of funding applications made to the charity with reference to AWF's aims and mission.
- If able, sit on one or more of the charity's sub-committees, which focus on particular areas of AWF's work such as professional education or research grants.
- Provide ideas for topics and speakers for AWF's Discussion Forum and other debates.
- Contribute to AWF activities such as delivering student talks, supporting fundraising and attending the annual Discussion Forum.
- Occasionally represent AWF at external events and meetings.

Knowledge, skills, and expertise:

Essential

- Commitment to the charity's objectives, aims and values.
- Willingness to devote time to carry out responsibilities.
- Good independent judgement, political understanding, impartiality and the ability to think objectively in the context of the organisation and external environment.
- Understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship.
- Ability to work successfully as part of a team, communicate effectively with others and think creatively.
- A sound understanding or education and research

- An understanding and interest in animal welfare issues.

Desirable

- Previous experience as a Trustee or Governor
- A background in charity fundraising or communications
- Animal welfare expertise

Other information:

Attendance at external events, including occasional overnight stays within the UK, is required.