

FSC® UK TRUSTEE VACANCIES



FSC UK is a registered charity responsible for promoting the FSC's aims and objectives throughout the United Kingdom.

FSC UK is governed by its Trustees, who are also known as the FSC UK Board of Directors. Trustees stand for terms of three years and are assigned to one of the three chambers: economic, environmental, and social.

Our Articles of Association state that:

At least three of the Directors will be members of the Charity. The aim shall be to achieve chamber balance with at least one Director and, normally, no more than four Directors representing each of the three chambers.

The current composition of the FSC UK Board can be found [here](#).

We are currently looking for new trustees representing social interests. There is also an opportunity for a new trustee representing economic interests The position(s) would suit someone with a vision on how FSC can positively impact forests in the UK and around the world.

Having conducted a skills audit of the existing Board, we are particularly interested in candidates with **experience of NGO administration and governance and/or knowledge of payments for ecosystem services**.

We value diversity and are committed to equal opportunities. [Click here](#) to view our Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy

The post of trustee is a voluntary one, but reasonable expenses are reimbursed.

Information for potential trustees

The role of a trustee

Information on the role of charity trustees can be found [here](#).

Governance

The charity is governed by an overarching legal document known as our Memorandum and Articles of Association which it meets Charity Commission rules and has been approved by that body. Further details can be found [here](#).

Financial Responsibilities

FSC UK is a company limited by guarantee – trading under the name Ephesea UK - meaning that trustees (in the form of directors) have only a limited liability in respect of personal risk. However, trustees are ultimately responsible to the Charities Commission for the financial management of the charity.

Oversight Responsibilities

It is not expected that trustees will become too involved in the day-to-day operational activities of FSC UK. This responsibility is discharged by the Executive Director and her management team. However, the Executive Director is appointed by the trustees and is expected to keep the Steering Group (the traditional name given to the trustees collectively) informed of key activities that are likely to enhance or detract from the good standing of FSC UK. Trustees are expected to advise, inform, and support the Executive Director as appropriate. The trustees play a key oversight role in appointing the Executive Director.

Trustees are entitled to propose items on the agenda for Steering Group meetings and, specifically, they approve the following:

- The annual report (annually)
- The audited accounts (annually)
- The internal risk assessments (annually)
- FSC UK's strategic priorities (at least triennially)

Meetings

We aim for at least three in-person board meetings per year. The intention is that trustees will attend these ordinary meetings in person although there may be occasions where online presence is appropriate. Meetings of sub-committees and task-and-finish groups will normally be held online.

How to express interest

If you are interested in joining an engaged and experienced Board of Directors committed to helping ensure Forests For All Forever, and you feel you have the appropriate experiences, we encourage you to apply. To submit an application or for further information, please contact the Executive Director (rosie@fsc-uk.org) by 16th March 2025.