## **Trustee vacancies with the Social Research Association (SRA)**



The SRA is looking for new trustees from among the membership, to help us meet our goals.

This is a good time to join a dynamic group of trustees and help steer a thriving membership organisation, with an expanding range of activities. As an educational charity promoting high standards of social research, the SRA provides a wide range of training courses, events, publications and other resources. Please visit our website: <a href="www.the-sra.org.uk">www.the-sra.org.uk</a>, and read about our current trustees here: <a href="http://the-sra.org.uk/home/about/governance/">http://the-sra.org.uk/home/about/governance/</a>

SRA membership is open to all, and our 1000+ members represent many sectors, research methods and approaches. Therefore we welcome applications from all areas.

In addition, so that the trustee body is broadly representative of the membership, we would also like to hear from SRA members working in the voluntary, or independent (self-employed) sectors; and those based in the northern regions of the UK.

Trustees meets 6 times a year in London (with video-conferencing available), and you'll be expected to attend these meetings, as well as our annual conference at which the Annual General Meeting is held. Board meetings focus largely on strategic rather than operational issues. Trustees are unpaid volunteers, whose positions are re-nominated every 2 years, to a maximum service of 6 years. Expenses for meetings etc. are reimbursed.

Each trustee uses their specific knowledge and experience to help the Board reach sound decisions. This will involve scrutinising Board papers, leading discussions, focusing on key issues, and providing advice and guidance requested by the Board on new initiatives, or other issues relevant to the area of the SRA's work. You need to be aware of your <u>legal</u> responsibilities, and the need to act in accordance with Charity Commission guidance.

Candidates must be members of the SRA, and another member must be willing to act as **proposer** for your application. To apply, please complete the online form below. The deadline is Friday 16 March 2018.

The selection will be made by a subgroup of existing trustees, with reference to the criteria in the online application form.

If you are interested and would like to know more, or have any questions, in the first instance please contact the chief executive, Graham Farrant: <a href="mailto:graham.farrant@the-sra.org.uk">graham.farrant@the-sra.org.uk</a> 0207 998 0304

And if you know someone who would perhaps like to apply and who would be suitable, please encourage them!

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