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BPC Lay Trustee

Lay trustees are sought who have a strong empathy with our strategic objectives and is looking to make a contribution to the strengthening of the BPC as an organisation, and the long-term development of the psychoanalytic profession.

The Board of Trustees are jointly and severally responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the organisation, its financial health, the probity of its activities and developing the organisation's aims, objectives and goals in accordance with its governing document, legal and regulatory guidelines.

We have a vision of a society that recognises and values human relationships and the use of psychoanalytic theories of mind to support emotional wellbeing, good mental health, and effective social policy to create a better society.

We are the leading professional association and a Professional Standards Authority Voluntary Accredited Register for the psychoanalytic and psychodynamic psychotherapy profession in the UK. We enjoy a reputation for high clinical and professional standards and are purely psychoanalytic in our focus.

We accredit the trainings of our Member Institutions, ensuring that they meet our exacting standards. Individuals who qualify from our accredited trainings are eligible to become BPC Registrants.

As well as our regulatory role, we advance the knowledge and understanding of the theory and practice of psychoanalysis and psychoanalytically informed therapies in a range of critical policymaking and opinion-forming arenas in the UK.

We also lead debate about the role of psychoanalytic theory outside of the consulting room. We engage with academia through our Scholars membership category and through events such as our annual 'Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Now' conference, and our termly magazine 'New Associations.'

Our Board of Trustees, supported and advised by the Chief Executive and staff, provide the strategic direction of the organisation and ensure it is well governed. We place great importance on our close relationship with our Member Institutions and

our Council provides a key link with our Trustees. Council comprises of representatives of our Member Institutions.

The Chief Executive oversees our small but impactful staff team, supporting them to deliver the aims of the organisation.

Time Commitment: Approximately 5 hours a month, including ten Board meetings per annum, attendance at two Council meetings per annum (including AGM) and other ad hoc meetings.

Term of office: four years.

Role Description:

- To ensure the organisation complies with its articles of association, pursues its objectives and applies its resources exclusively in pursuance of its objectives
- Ensuring that the charity has a clear vision, mission and strategic direction and is focused on achieving these
- To contribute actively to the Board by providing a clear lay (non-clinical) perspective to the strategic direction to the organisation by making full use of specific skills, knowledge or experience
- To safeguard the good name and values of the organisation
- To ensure the effective and efficient administration of the organisation and ensure financial stability
- Ensuring that the charity's governance is of the highest possible standard.

Person Specification

This an elected post, however it is expected that the successful candidate will possess the following skills, attributes and experiences:

- Successful experience of operating within a board, or senior managerial level, in a charitable, public sector or commercial organisation
- Experience of building and sustaining relationships with key stakeholders and colleagues to achieve organisational objectives

- A proven track record of sound judgement and effective decision making, impartiality, fairness, the ability to respect confidences
- An ability to make recommendations that, whilst respecting views of others, challenges thinking
- Commitment to the organisation and a willingness to devote the necessary time and effort
- An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship and ability to work effectively as a member of a team
- An understanding of the respective roles of the Chair, Trustees and Chief Executive

To apply, please send us a copy (to jobs@bpc.org.uk) of your CV and a supporting statement (no longer than 2 pages) outlining how you meet all parts of the person specification.

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