

Trustee

Team

Council of Trustees

Role Description

SWT's council of trustees sets our strategic direction and supervises the management team. Trustees serve on a voluntary basis for a maximum of two four-year terms.

Potential new trustees will be put forward for election at the Trust's annual general meeting (AGM) whenever there are vacancies on council.

Trustees are not paid but we will cover expenses.

Skills and Experience

In general you do not need years of management experience or specialist knowledge of conservation, just an enquiring mind and a genuine interest in our vision and goals.

From time to time we may be looking for new trustees with specific skills and experience relevant to our work - for example in finance, marketing, or land management - to fill a gap on council.

In general we would like to see more trustees aged 18-30, and more from black and minority ethnic (BAME) backgrounds, to help ensure that we address the needs of the population as a whole.

Skills Development Offered

- Acting as a Trustee of a local charity

Support Available

- We will arrange a comprehensive induction programme for new trustees, and training and mentoring as required.

Minimum time commitment needed

- The minimum requirement is to attend four evening council meetings a year, but trustees are encouraged to take an active interest in our work, and to serve on specialist groups if they have the time and the relevant skills or knowledge.

Other information

- You will be asked to sign our Trustee code of conduct and a Charity Commission 'trustee eligibility declaration', and an annual declaration of interests.
- Trustees must follow relevant SWT policies including for safeguarding. A DBS check is not normally required.

Contact

To apply for this role: submit your online application [here](#) from our [volunteer webpage](#).

You will then be invited for an informal discussion with SWT staff or trustees. If this goes well then further meetings and briefings will be arranged.

We will need to finalise any potential trustees for election by July each year, so would need to begin the process by April at the latest. But expressions of interest are welcome at any time.