



Job Title: Board Trustee (Finance)

Location: Remote with occasional in-person meetings

Commitment: Part-time, voluntary (approximately 4-6 meetings per annum for the Board, plus 4-6 meetings per annum for a supporting committee or special interest group. Other opportunities to represent the organisation at events and take part in talks or judging of awards also required).

About Us

The Women's Engineering Society is a charitable organisation founded in 1919 and our vision is of an engineering industry that is as diverse as the society it serves. We are committed to supporting women in engineering to fulfil their potential, and to fostering an inclusive engineering industry. Our mission is driven by our team of staff and volunteers and our Board of Trustees plays a pivotal role in guiding and supporting our strategy and governance.

The Role

We are seeking a Board Trustee with finance expertise to join our board and help steer our charity through its next phase of growth. As a Trustee with a financial background, you will provide invaluable insights and ensure the financial health and sustainability of the organisation.

Key Responsibilities:

- Oversee the charity's financial strategy, ensuring compliance and long-term sustainability
- Provide guidance on financial matters, including budgeting, risk management, and investment strategies
- Ensure the charity meets all statutory financial obligations, including annual audits and reporting
- Work closely with the CEO and Finance Committee to review financial performance and identify areas for improvement
- Actively participate in board meetings and contribute to the overall strategic direction of the charity



About You

We are looking for someone aligned to delivering equity, diversity and inclusion and who has a strong background in finance. Experience of the engineering industry is not required. The ideal candidate will have:

- A recognised accounting qualification (ACA, ACCA, CIMA, or equivalent)
- Experience in financial management, budgeting, and reporting
- Knowledge of charity finance regulations and governance (desirable)
- Excellent analytical skills, with the ability to communicate complex financial information in a clear and accessible way
- A commitment to the charity's mission, values, and long-term vision
- We welcome applications from candidates seeking their first board role

What We Offer

- The opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of those we support
- The opportunity to work alongside a supportive and engaged board
- Induction and ongoing development to support your role as a trustee
- Networking opportunities with other professionals in the sector

How to Apply

If you are passionate about making a difference and have the financial expertise we're looking for, we would love to hear from you. Please send your CV and a brief cover letter detailing why you would be a great fit for this role to president@wes.org.uk by 30th October 2024.

If you would like a chat ahead of making an application, please get in touch with our CEO (susan.robson@wes.org.uk) or our President (president@wes.org.uk)

The Women's Engineering Society is committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion. We welcome applications from individuals of all backgrounds.