



Call for new trustees

February 2021

We are looking for up to three people to join our vibrant Board of Trustees, possibly including someone to chair the Board.

Forest Recycling Project (FRP) is a social enterprise and charity based in Walthamstow since 1989. We reclaim materials (paint, wood and most recently textiles) and re-purpose and sell it to minimise waste and encourage sustainable living. We are firmly rooted in the local community and we focus our time and attention on practical projects with local people to make East London a greener place to live, work and play. We work with local residents and organisations to make it happen. Learn more at www.frpuk.org.

About this opportunity These positions offer the opportunity to play a central role in helping FRP succeed in the future. Trustees set the strategic direction, help ensure the organisation is run effectively and act as ambassadors. As well as sharing your existing skills and experience, being a trustee offers an opportunity to develop yourself in new areas whilst making a real difference in your community.

This is an exciting and challenging time for FRP. Our retail and paint recycling business is poised for growth, and you will help this to happen and to enable greater sustainability for all our work in the process. Meanwhile we run a large, lottery-funded volunteering project for vulnerable adults, and will be actively applying for funding to support both our current work and future projects and growth.

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We are in particular seeking trustees who offer experience in certain areas, however please feel free to contact us and talk about what you could offer to FRP at this juncture:

- ◊ Leadership and strategy skills
- ◊ Business development
- ◊ Social enterprise
- ◊ Mental health and inclusiveness
- ◊ HR and volunteering
- ◊ Premises relocation

Current trustees represent the public, private and voluntary sectors, and some also bring local knowledge and connections within Walthamstow and neighboring areas. The Board is friendly and committed and will actively support newcomers through induction and beyond.

What we're looking for from you As a guide, the typical trustee commitment is 8 hours per month, with the time involved for chairing or co-chairing likely to be 12 hours per month. The Board typically holds evening meetings every two months, with trustees working electronically in between, collectively ensuring the good governance of the charity..

The key responsibility is to engage actively in board meetings to set the direction and review big decisions for the organisation. In addition to meetings, trustees also respond to any pressing governance needs of the charity, carry out any actions agreed at the meetings, and provide support in their area of expertise (for example, finance or fundraising). Much of this is done electronically.

From you, we'll look for commitment to FRP's vision and aims, a willingness to devote the necessary time and effort to fulfilling the role, the ability to work effectively as a member of a team and plenty of energy and new ideas.

Next steps To follow up on your interest, please email Alison Griffin, Chief Executive of FRP, at alison@frpuk.org with your CV and a short statement explaining how your skills, experience and interests match the requirements of the role.

You are also welcome to contact Alison with questions and to be put in touch with Jo Winyard, Chair of the FRP Board of Trustees, for an informal discussion before you go forward.

Thank you.