



Charity Number 1194781

Charity Trustee

We are recruiting a new Trustee to join the Board of Buckinghamshire Food Partnership, bringing experience in business or charity development as well as a passion in food and sustainability. This is an exciting time to join the Board as we start to develop and deliver our strategic plan, and to broaden our stakeholder base across the county.

Who are we?

Buckinghamshire Food Partnership CIO (BFP) is a newly established charity based in Buckinghamshire. BFP gained charitable status in June 2021 and has established a board of seven trustees. We received the first tranche of a three year foundation grant from Rothschild Foundation in October 2021. Our Partnership Director was recruited in February this year. We are now starting to develop a detailed plan to build the capabilities and operations of the organisation.

We believe that all people in Buckinghamshire should have access to healthy, affordable, sustainably produced and culturally appropriate food. The food system is both complex and interconnected, and our mission is to facilitate the transition of Bucks to a sustainable food landscape.

About the role

The Trustee would work with the Board and Director to provide strategic oversight of BFP and to help the organisation to deliver significant outcomes and impacts against its charitable objects. The Board is keen to bring distinctive ideas and solutions to the food landscape, working with stakeholders and partners who share our vision. We are looking for someone who has the time to help establish BFP in the county and build a sustainable organisation for the future.

The term would be for a minimum of 3 years.

Person Specification

Essential

- (i) An interest in food and the food system
- (ii) Lives in Buckinghamshire or nearby and is able and willing to commit the required time to the role.
- (iii) Knowledge and experience - preferably at senior management level - in at least one of the following:
 - Strategic and organisational development
 - Fundraising
 - HR

Desirable

- (i) An understanding of the role of a trustee
- (ii) The ability to network effectively and act as a representative of BFP across the food sector, community groups and local government.
- (iii) A knowledge of the food system including policy, farming, production and markets.

Competencies

The successful candidate should have the following competencies required to be effective in a Trustee role:

- (i) **Strategy, planning and direction.** The ability to create a strategy and help deliver it, balancing priorities and demands to develop and meet overall objectives.
- (ii) **Challenge.** The ability to investigate, consider and challenge constructively.
- (iii) **Networking and communication.** The ability to communicate clearly, to utilise networks, and to influence others.
- (iv) **Performance management.** The ability to improve and monitor personal, Board and business performance.
- (v) **Leadership.** The ability and confidence to take the lead where required.

Time Commitment

The role includes attendance at six (2-3 hour) board meetings. These currently take place by video conference in the evenings. Trustees may be asked to attend Board committees or join ad hoc meetings or review and advise on issues raised in correspondence. There are also two Strategy Days per year which are held in person.

Remuneration

This is a pro bono role.

Diversity, equality and inclusion

We are committed to social justice and believe that diversity, equality and inclusion are central to our ambition to create a better food system for Buckinghamshire. We want to be truly representative of Buckinghamshire society, and to actively remove any barriers to access and opportunity.

How to apply

Please send your CV and a short covering letter that explains how your experience, knowledge and skills fulfil the requirements of the role to petermaddox@bucksfoodpartnership.org by 30 June. Interviews will be held the week of 11 July by video conference. If you are invited to interview, we will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient time. Get in touch If you would like to have an informal chat about the role before applying or if you have any questions, please email petermaddox@bucksfoodpartnership.org and we will come back to you as soon as possible.