

## Role Description: Board Member



### About

The Centre for Thriving Places (CTP) supports a place-based approach to wellbeing economics. We work to:

- Develop and deliver leading-edge tools to help measure the conditions for people and places to thrive and the social impact of work on the ground.
- Co-produce rigorous and accessible research and resources to help decision makers and communities across all sectors better understand their role in building an economy and society fit for the challenges of the 21st century.
- Bring together multi disciplinary teams to support pioneering places to embed a new way of thinking and doing across departments, sectors and social divides.
- Provide a space for leaders and communities to come together and share learning, best practice and innovations from wherever they are emerging.
- Challenge those in power and empower those who are marginalised, to move to a more equitable and sustainable economic model starting today.

### Purpose

The primary purpose of the Centre for Thriving Places board of trustees is to support a strong leadership team and govern with care to safeguard and promote the vision, mission and values.

### Tasks

- To contribute actively to the board of trustees' role in giving firm strategic direction to CTP setting overall policy, defining goals and setting targets and evaluating performance against agreed targets
- To ensure CTP complies with its governing document, charity law, company law and any other relevant legislation or regulations
- To ensure CTP pursues its objects as defined in its governing document
- To ensure CTP applies its resources exclusively in pursuance of its objects
- To safeguard the good name and values of CTP
- To ensure the effective and efficient administration of CTP
- To ensure the financial stability of CTP

- To protect and manage the property of the charity and to ensure the proper investment of the charity's funds
- Leading discussions
- Focusing on key issues and providing guidance on new initiatives

### **General**

Board Members must fulfil their legal responsibilities as a trustee and agree to abide by CTP's Trustee Code of Conduct.

The Board Member must act in the best interests of the organisation at all times.

### **Person specification**

- Strong understanding of the wellbeing, sustainability and futures agenda in a local, national and international context.
- Strong networks at a leadership level with the ability to engage with local and national leaders on a peer-to-peer basis.
- Experience of leading from a non-executive position to ensure high levels of governance expertise and fiduciary responsibility.
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- An understanding of the way that the public, business and third sector contribute to the future of place
- A strong commitment to widening participation and positively addressing issues of diversity and opportunity.
- An understanding of the value of partnership working and the requirement for working across traditional disciplines
- A sophisticated understanding of the politics of local governance and leadership
- A strong communicator and keen advocate for positive city change

### **Terms of the post**

The role of the Board Member requires a commitment of between a few hours to 2 days per calendar month. Besides a commitment to Board meetings every other month, members are encouraged to contribute to other activities, including ambassadorial work. We take into account the needs of the organisation, the skills and interests of the Board Member, and his/her availability.

The post is not paid. However, reasonable expenses may be claimed.