

Volunteer Role Profile

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Policy Committee Chair

Volunteer Manager

Chair

Where you will be based

Community

Why we want you

Policy Committee advises on positive solutions for the issues facing the countryside and the environment. Your expertise will help inform our policy and the practical action we take on a national and local level.

The Committee is involved in the development of new policies and the review of existing ones, so they continue to fulfil our vision, values and long-term strategy as external circumstances inevitably change. You'll contribute to the advice the Committee gives to CPRE staff and the board of trustees to inform policy decisions.

The advice given by the Committee is vital to inform the board of trustees when it makes policy decisions. The Committee is expected to gather insight from CPRE's staff, the CPRE network and other sources in forming its views. Capturing insight about beneficiaries is a growing area of interest for policy making. We also recognise how important it is to capture diverse views, particularly those who may be under-represented in CPRE currently.

The chair of the Policy Committee is also a member of the trustee board. Our lively board of trustees leads and shapes CPRE, to ensure we inspire people to care for, and enjoy the benefits of the countryside, wherever they live.

What you will be doing

- Chair meetings of the Policy Committee, manage its discussions and enable Committee members to play a full role in shaping CPRE's policy orientation
- Work in partnership with the Committee, trustee board and the director of Campaigns and Policy to provide high quality policy advice, verbally and in writing, to further CPRE's aims, set its strategic direction and uphold its values
- Act as the main link between the Policy Committee and the trustee board, working closely with the Chair of the board
- Coordinate the Policy Committee's co-creation of the development of policy papers with staff and the wider CPRE network
- Lead the setting, monitoring and evaluation of a work programme for the committee
- Help build closer relationships between the board, local CPREs and regional groups on policy matters

- Support, and where appropriate, challenge the director of Campaigns and Policy and chief executive, and ensure that the Policy Committee as a whole works in partnership with staff
- Build an effective Committee and contribute to the recruitment, induction and training of new members
- Be willing to share your skills and knowledge generously in a constructive and supportive way, engaging in vigorous debate and acting as a critical friend to improve CPRE's policies
- Be mindful of the needs of our beneficiaries and be confident in proposing realistic new ideas about how our policies can help to shape a better future for them
- Occasionally, represent CPRE at meetings and functions and act as a spokesperson
- Fulfill the duties of a trustee of CPRE's national trustee board

The skills you need

- A high level of experience and expertise in a range of relevant policy areas, including the environmental agenda and the role of land use planning
- Recent senior level responsibility for strategic planning and planning casework relevant to the countryside
- The ability to chair meetings effectively leading the discussions of a broad range of policy and campaign subjects whilst balancing conflicting views in a sensitive manner
- The ability to build an effective Committee and contribute to the recruitment, induction and training of new members
- Strategic vision, an openness to new policy ideas and good independent judgment
- The ability to build credibility within CPRE to champion change when necessary. This will involve effective communication skills, including public speaking
- Commitment to CPRE's vision and values
- An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship and company directorship
- The ability to devote the necessary time and effort to policy committee and the board of trustees

What's in it for you

- You'll gain satisfaction from sharing your enthusiasm, skills and experience towards the success of CPRE and the positive difference you can make to the countryside through developing CPRE's policies
- You'll have the opportunity to network with like-minded people and enjoy being part of a team. There will be workshops and co-creation

opportunities for you to lead and join in with.