

External Standards Committee Member - Fundraising Regulator

Remuneration	£300/day
Location	London
Time commitment	4/5 days per year
Reporting to	The Chair of the Standards Committee

Job Description

Background

The Fundraising Regulator is a voluntary, independent regulator with approximately 20 permanent staff and a budget of £1.8 -2.0 million per year, funded through a levy on those charitable organisations which have a high expenditure on fundraising activities. We regulate all types of charitable fundraising and do this by setting standards, investigating complaints and operating the Fundraising Preference Service, regardless of whether an organisation has paid the levy or is registered with us.

Our remit covers England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and fundraising in Scotland where this activity is carried out by charities registered primarily with the Charity Commission for England and Wales or the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

The Standards Committee

The Standards Committee is a Committee of the Board of the Fundraising Regulator with particular responsibility for the Code of Fundraising Practice.

Committee members are appointed for three years and can be appointed for a further term of three years.

The work of the Standards Committee includes:

- Direct oversight of the Code of Fundraising Practice and associated guidance
- Taking both a proactive and reactive approach as appropriate to issues of public concern, legislation and possible future changes in fundraising practice and making, as necessary, consequential changes to the Code and guidance
- Ensuring access to consumer and sector opinions and taking these into account,
- Having responsibility to the Board of the Fundraising Regulator on any matter connected with the Code of Fundraising Practice.

Many of the members of the Fundraising Regulator's Board and Committees are also involved in charities or other bodies that are within the scope of the Regulator's remit. The Fundraising Regulator appreciates the benefits that such knowledge and experience brings to discussions.

It is appreciated that it is possible therefore for conflicts of interest (both real and perceived) to arise and these are actively managed through a Register of Interests, updated formally once a year, declarations of potential conflicts included as an item on all meeting agendas and through recusal where, and when, appropriate during discussion if necessary. The Fundraising Regulator is confident that conflicts can be managed and has experience of actively managing them. Shortlisted candidates (if they wish) can talk to the Chair of the Standards Committee about conflicts of interest are managed if they have any concerns.

Person specification

The successful candidate will meet the following criteria:

Essential

- Commitment to effective, independent, proportionate, and impartial regulation of fundraising in the public interest.
- Understanding of the key policy issues that currently face the charitable sector.
- Experience of contributing at a senior level in a substantial organisation to discussions on a range of issues which may have political and social sensitivities.
- A high level of objectivity and a willingness to challenge.
- Excellent communication, influencing and listening skills.

Desirable

- Professional knowledge and/or experience of charitable fundraising.
- Experience of working in a similar regulatory organisation.
- Experience of drafting Codes and guidance.
- Knowledge and/or experience of consumer rights.