

Skateboard England wish to recruit two Independent Non Executive Directors, for an initial four-year term, and are now inviting applications.

Skateboard England is a democratic membership organisation constituted as the governing body of skateboarding in England & Wales. Its legal status is that of a company limited by guarantee. Formed in September 2015, it is a not-for-profit organisation that is taking experience from the past and inspiration from the present to enhance and support the future of Skateboarding.

The principal functions of Skateboard England are to increase participation, provide support and membership to individual skaters, skateboarding clubs and skate schools and to provide structure and guidelines to ensure that skating is being practiced in a safe and fun environment and for everyone to enjoy. Other key roles are to support and improve performance to enable English & Welsh skaters to remain internationally competitive; to raise money; inform and educate; as well as provide greater accessibility to the sport.

In August 2016, Skateboarding was chosen for inclusion in the 2020 Olympic Games. Taking part in the Olympics will raise the profile of the sport and lead to increases in participation and we need to prepare so that we can respond and support the sport as it grows.

Our Independent Directors are appointed by the Board based on who meets the skills and experience we are seeking. In order to apply for this role, you must be able to demonstrate that you have no association with skateboarding at the time of your application.

With our governance structure, vision and mission, we need individuals who can help develop and maintain Skateboard England's strategic focus and direct the organisation towards its future. You would need to be able to make a commitment to Skateboard England and devote the necessary time, have strategic vision, independent judgment, an ability to think creatively and a willingness to speak your mind.

In particular, we are looking for Independent Director's who have skills and experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Finance & Accounting
- Income generation & sponsorship

Ideally, the successful candidate will be able to demonstrate:

- An impressive track record of success in the private, public and/or voluntary sector
- The ability to operate at Board level for a National Governing Body (NGB)
- A good understanding of the role that sport plays in society
- Ability to think creatively and strategically; the skills to challenge current thinking at Board level
- A clear commitment to improving diversity and equality and understanding the needs of under represented groups in sport
- A good understanding of the UK's sporting landscape.

In line with our Equality and Diversity Policy we are keen to achieve a more diverse Board of Directors and would welcome applications from those communities under-represented on the Board, in particular people from ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and women.

We can pay travel expenses and provide a full induction to the NGB's work. You will be expected to attend at least four Board meetings a year, which are normally held in London. In addition, we would encourage your attendance at a number of skateboarding meetings and events.

How to apply

To apply, please send your CV with a covering letter that explains what motivates you to apply and how you meet our requirements by email to james@skateboardengland.org The closing date for applications is Friday 2nd December 2016 at 12 noon.