



Independent Board Committee Member Volunteer Role Description

We're the MS Society. We fund world-leading scientists as they search for new treatments. We make sure everyone can access expert information and services to help them live well with MS. We speak up together, to make sure everyone's voice is heard and rights are protected. We support one another when times are tough and celebrate together when they are good. We make sure no one has to feel alone. Together we are a community. And together we will stop MS.

Our Board of Trustees sets our strategy, values and culture, and oversees their implementation. The Board agrees our annual plan, budget and performance targets on an annual basis. It monitors the charity's performance and is responsible for managing risk and our compliance with regulatory and statutory requirements.

Three Board committees have been established to consider Board matters in more detail. Each committee brings together trustees and independent (non-trustee) members with the specific skills, knowledge and expertise required to provide effective oversight of the areas delegated to them.

What the role involves

- Using your specific skills, knowledge and experience to help the committee to understand, scrutinise, constructively challenge and make informed decisions and recommendations about the Board matters within its remit.
- Building strong and trusting relationships with fellow committee members and members of the Executive and Leadership Group who attend meetings.
- Preparing thoroughly and participating fully in meetings.
- Maintaining appropriate confidentiality, disclosing any conflicts of interest, and abiding by our Code of Conduct, policies and procedures.

Skills and experience you need for this role

- Strategic vision and the ability to think creatively.
- The ability to operate effectively as part of a team and support collective decisions and recommendations.
- The ability to listen to, read and assimilate information quickly and effectively.
- The ability to act corporately and not in the interests of one particular group, and to reach objective and independent decisions.
- An understanding of MS and the effects of living with it, together with an appreciation of the work of the MS Society.
- An understanding of the remit of the committee within wider Board governance.

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- Behaviours that demonstrate, model and reinforce the MS Society's values – Bold, Expert, Ambitious, and Together.
- Commitment to diversity, inclusion and equality.

Expected time commitment

Each of our Board committees meets online for 3 hours, 2-4 times per year. Members of a committee are expected to attend all meetings.

Between meetings, committees may be required to take part in phone or email discussions with the Chief Executive, other staff and volunteers, as necessary.

In order to volunteer in this role you will need to:

Complete the training listed below:

Must do training	Role specific training
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data protection eLearning • Cyber Security eLearning 	Induction with your volunteer point of contact

Sources of support

We will ensure that you will have access to all the support you need to feel comfortable, confident in what you are doing, and able to achieve the most impact throughout your time volunteering with us.

You will have regular check-ins with the chair of the committee and access to our Board Reading Room, which holds a comprehensive range of internal and external resources to support you to be effective in this role.

You will take part in induction sessions and other development opportunities. You will also be required to complete and maintain compliance training throughout your term.

Our Volunteering Programme

When you volunteer with us, you join our powerful community of people living with MS, scientists, campaigners, listeners, organisers, ambassadors and fundraisers.

Our shared commitments help keep our Volunteering Programme enjoyable, meaningful and safe for everyone. Download [Our Commitments](#) here.

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