



Conservation Collective – seeking a Trustee (with expertise in Environmental Science)

[Conservation Collective](#) is a global network of over 20 local environment foundations. Each of our foundations raise funds to support grassroots work that protects the environment, restores nature and safeguards against climate change.

Environmental philanthropy faces two key challenges: persuading people to direct money to the biggest issue of our time and getting that money to the most effective environmental initiatives. We have a proven and winning formula for both. Our growing network has already raised and distributed millions of pounds, and we're just getting started...

As we grow Conservation Collective, we're looking for a new Trustee to join the existing board to help us improve how we grow our network, maintaining flexibility as an opportunistic and entrepreneurial organisation whilst ensuring we manage reputational risks and drive programmatic integrity to raise more funds, spend it well and deliver great impact, and comply with our legal responsibilities as a Registered Charity.

Role of the Trustee (Scientific expert)

Our foundations support the best grassroots environmental initiatives focussed on the following environmental impact goals: helping species to thrive, regenerating natural habitats, adapting to or slowing down climate change, and reducing pollution.

Key Responsibilities

The Trustees and Conservation Collective team would like to have a scientific member of the board to give strategic advice from time to time. We are developing a monitoring, evaluation and learning tool, and are building our team to support this important work stream. The other areas where this Trustee could get involved, include:

- Attending some quarterly steering committee meetings for foundations to gain oversight into local priorities and have a vote on projects being supported in those localities. Giving opinions on strategic approaches, feeding into local foundation strategic reviews occasionally.
- Taking part or running knowledge-sharing webinars on common areas of interest, with internal and external speakers, to promote best practice, and share lessons.
- Participation on the global advisory panel, boosting local expertise.
- We are developing project portfolios for funders within our network, ref Edmiston marine and Depeche Mode plastics. This is a great opportunity to connect small projects, with great impact potential, with funders and strategic partners, to support and enable ambitious scaling plans.

Requirements

- An expert in environmental sciences, marine biology, biodiversity, or other conservation background.





- An understanding of the technical aspects pertaining to grassroots grant giving and project development.
- Access to a network of global contacts with expertise in these issues
- A belief in and passion for our approach.

TRUSTEE – ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Overseeing the governance of the network.
- Reviewing financials for the Conservation Collective UK charity.
- Approving audited accounts
- Assisting with the development of the network.
- Advising on strategic direction and expansion.
- Assessing and reviewing risk

TRUSTEE – TERM OF REFERENCE

- Three year-term (renewable) by majority vote.
- Attend Quarterly board meeting.
- Introduce potential donors and corporate partners, NGO contacts, brands, press, tourism and travel players etc for network or local level.
- Host and/or attend events in London and abroad.
- Support our growth plans with new ideas for newsletters, field trips, merchandise etc.

How to apply

Please send your CV, along with a cover letter stating why you wish to work with the organisation, how your skills would add value to the board and any other relevant information to jade@conservation-collective.org.

Being a Trustee

As Treasurer to the Charity, you will also become a Trustee. Trustees are expected to understand and accept the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship and understand their role as a Trustee. You cannot become a Trustee if you:

- Are under 18 years of age.
- Are disqualified under Sections 178 and 180 of the Charities Act 2011, because for example, you are an undischarged bankrupt or have an unspent conviction for an offence of dishonesty or deception.
- Have previously been removed from trusteeship of a charity by the court or charity commissioners or are under a disqualification order under the Company Directors Disqualification Act.
- Are a paid member of staff.





In addition to the duties of all Trustees, each Trustee is expected to use any specific skills, knowledge or experience they have to help the Board of Trustees reach sound decisions. This will involve scrutinising Board papers, leading discussions, focusing on key issues, and providing advice and guidance requested by the Board on new initiatives, or other issues, to the area of the Charity's work in which the Trustee has special expertise.

