

Looking for a new trustee of FFWPU who will become the next Treasurer

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The trustee body is seen as a very important entity in charity law, maintaining the lawfulness and integrity of the charity concerned where all trustees are seen as equally important. There are however two positions on a trustee body which the supervisory authorities are particularly concerned about – the Chair of the Trustees and the Treasurer. There are 160,000 charities in the UK so there are 160,000 Treasurers.

Through his or her work the Treasurer has a major opportunity to contribute to the good name and respect given to our charity and to protect its reputation.

In the FFWPU the Treasurer

Looks after the finances in terms of ensuring that appropriate accounting procedures and controls are in place as well as appropriate (lawful, professional) use of funds

Participates in the process of preparation, presentation and approval of budgets, accounts and financial statements

Prepares and presents understandable financial reports to a number of committees

Ensures that the financial resources of the organisation meet its needs

Liaises with relevant people about financial matters

Oversees the preparation of the annual accounts by our external accountants before being passed to the independent auditor. Liaison with the auditor to ensure a smooth audit leading to a very satisfactory result.

Our current Treasurer is looking to retire from his position at the end of 2018/early 2019 which means that we are currently looking for a new trustee of the FFWPU who will become the next Treasurer.

Basic qualities which are essential for this role include:

An already existing understanding of accounting procedures and controls in a charity or the aptitude and willingness to quickly learn about these

A strong sense of responsibility and also loyalty to the aims of the FWWPU as Unificationist in good standing, capable of working well as a team-player and a colleague to other trustees as well the trustee body's partners such as the Finance Committee and others, winning their respect and trust

Strong attention to detail and the ability to develop a strong understanding of what is correct and what is not

An ability to deal with public bodies such as the Charity Commission, banks, lawyers and auditors as well as our external accountants in Chippenham, which requires a certain minimum degree of maturity and self-confidence

Pride in doing a good job to further the good name of the FFWPU by getting the charity's accounts audited and submitted well before established deadlines

This is a voluntary post. Full training is provided by the current Treasurer involving some book learning and shadowing of the current Treasurer through the process of completing the 2017 accounts audit as well as a number of other jobs.

This is a very fulfilling role which offers many personal benefits. We would ideally like to find and appoint the appropriate candidate by mid-March for him/her not to miss too much of what is currently going on.

If you are interested in making a difference in this important role, please submit your application to Tom O'Connell at hq@ffwpu.org.uk with your CV and a paragraph on why you feel you would qualify to be the future Treasurer and what motivates you to apply, by 19th March at the latest. You should intend to offer a minimum of 3-4 years to the role.

