

Trustee

Fair Trials International

About Fair Trials International

Fair Trials is an international NGO that campaigns globally for fairness, due process, and equal treatment in our criminal justice systems.

Our team of independent experts exposes threats to justice through original research and identifies practical changes to fix them.

We advocate for better laws, support strategic litigation, work to reform policy, and develop international standards and best practices.

We do this by supporting local movements for reform and building partnerships with lawyers, experts, academics, and other NGOs.

We are the only international NGO that focuses exclusively on the right to a fair trial, giving us a comparative perspective on how to enshrine the right to a fair trial as a human right.

About the role

We are aiming to grow and refresh our board as a number of trustees rotate off. This is a fantastic opportunity to help us achieve our vision of a world where every person's right to a fair trial is respected. As a trustee, you will have a strategic oversight of the organization, ensuring that we are effective, accountable and sustainable. You will also provide guidance and support to the Chief Executive and the senior management team, and act as an ambassador for our work.

What we are looking for

- A commitment to the mission and values of Fair Trials International
- A strategic thinker with understanding of the challenges facing civil society organizations
- A relevant professional background and expertise in one or more of the following areas: law (especially criminal justice), finance, fundraising, communications, governance, organizational development
- We are particularly prioritising finding trustees with at least one of:
 - Experience of accountancy and audit
 - Knowledge of the European Union and its institutions
 - Experience of fundraising, especially for charities of this size and nature
 - Knowledge of new technologies such as AI and their impact in criminal justice processes
- Experience of serving on a board or a similar governance role, with experience in the charity sector being desirable
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and the ability to work collaboratively with a diverse and international team
- Willingness to abide by the code of conduct and policies of Fair Trials International

What we offer

You will have the opportunity to:

- Contribute to the strategic direction and impact of a globally-respected organisation in the field
- Work with a passionate and dedicated team of staff, volunteers and partners
- Learn from the expertise and experience of other trustees and stakeholders
- Enhance your skills and knowledge in the field of criminal justice and human rights
- Make a difference to the lives of people who face unfair trials and injustice around the world

Practicalities

- The role requires attendance at four board meetings per year (which can be online, although in-person attendance in London is welcome) and associated preparation, one in-person board offsite per year and contribution to other board committees and similar processes
- The role is open to people in different locations, although we are particularly seeking at least one trustee who is resident in the European Union
- This is a voluntary and unpaid role, but we will reimburse reasonable travel and other expenses incurred in connection with your duties as a trustee

- The appointment would be for an initial term of three years, with potential for re-appointment for up to two further terms

How to apply

If you are interested in becoming a trustee for Fair Trials International, please send your CV and a cover letter explaining why you are suitable for the role and what you can bring to the board to recruitment@fairtrials.net by 8th September.

We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds. We will contact shortlisted candidates for an interview with the board selection panel.

For more information about Fair Trials International, please visit our website at <https://fairtrials.org>.