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The School for Social Entrepreneurs North West Advisory Chair Appointment



“Everyone has the Capacity to be Remarkable.”

Michael Young, Founder of The School for Social Entrepreneurs

Advisory Chair Appointment

The School for Social Entrepreneurs North West (SSE NW) is a member of the School for Social Entrepreneurs (SSE) global network and works to mobilise the experience of enterprising people and support them to use entrepreneurial approaches to create sustainable solutions to unmet social issues.

The Blackburne House Group (BHG) has held the contract to deliver the SSE in the North West for some 10 years. During this time SSE NW has helped to start, grow and scale hundreds of social enterprises and community businesses, strengthening the social enterprise sector across the region.

Following the completion of the previous Chair's term of office, we now invite applications from suitably experienced people who may take up the role of Chair of the Advisory Board.



Advisory Chair Role

Working in the context of the BHG Group and SSE Central Board agreed strategies, and reporting to the BHG CEO Claire Dove OBE, the Chair would be responsible for:

- Recruiting members to their Advisory Board in conjunction with the CEO, Head of SSE NW and either the Chair or Deputy Chair of the Group Board
- Supporting, challenging and extending the reach of the Head of SSE NW – leveraging their contacts and networks to enable the school to achieve its goals and grow its work in a sustainable way
- Assuring the CEO and Group Board that the SSE contract and requirements of the license/contract are being met – escalating good practice, risks and concerns to the CEO in the first instance
- Acting as an ambassador on behalf of the SSE and BHG promoting our work and the interests of our students and bringing in contacts and resources to help
- Where requested /agreed- representing the SSE on behalf of the Group
- To keep up to date with the SSE operating environment and national contract conditions to help ensure BHG and the SSE NW are working as an exemplar in this field

Advisory Chair Role

SSE North West wishes to recruit a Chair who will bring the following:

- Evidence of impact in governance and or advisory role
- Insights, networks and connections into fields that would help to advance the SSE and our students' business interests
- Business acumen and experience of start ups, scale ups and growth of sustainable larger scale enterprises

It is anticipated that this role is likely to involve a commitment of time of between 10 and 12 days per year including

- Liaising with the CEO of BHG as required and meeting with the CEO and or BHG Chair or her nominee on a quarterly basis
- Maintaining contact/offering support to your fellow Advisory Board members
- Chairing meetings – on a bi-monthly basis
- Liaising with the Head of SSE NW on a monthly basis
- Participation in the SSE Network Board Calls
- Undertaking externally facing activities
- Participating in development events





The School for Social Entrepreneurs

The School for Social Entrepreneurs (SSE) is one of the leading UK providers of learning programmes that support and develop social entrepreneurs: *individuals working entrepreneurially to create social benefit*.

The SSE runs practical learning programmes aimed at helping develop both the individual social entrepreneur and their organisation: our approach, and belief, is that social change is people-powered and that the most valuable assets and resources we have are human ones.

SSE supports individuals to realise their potential and to establish, scale and sustain, social enterprises and social businesses across the UK, Canada and India.

What We Stand For

Our Vision: A fair and equal society where the potential of all people is fully realised.

Our Mission: To mobilise the experience of enterprising people from all backgrounds and support them to use entrepreneurial approaches to create lasting social and environmental change.

Our Values: Integrity, inclusivity, empowerment



Blackburne House Group

Blackburne House

Blackburne House Group is a successful and vibrant group of organisations that has grown from a centre of education for women to being one of the UK's leading and pioneering social enterprises.

Attracting thousands of visitors each year, facilities include an 'Outstanding' Ofsted graded education centre for women, the award winning School for Social Entrepreneurs North West, a thriving café bar, a women's health suite, excellent conference facilities and a 30 place nursery.

From the beginning, the Blackburne House Group has successfully established a number of highly acclaimed and flourishing social enterprises which continue to support its educational aims and provide tangible examples of how new markets can be used to serve local communities.

Blackburne House Mission Statement & Values

Our Mission Statement: To empower women – who are often socially or economically disadvantaged – through education and self-development, offering a safe and welcoming environment in which they can thrive.

Our Values: Blackburne House Group has a set of values that defines its aims and which it aspires to follow in all aspects of its work:

Inspiration: We provide the highest possible quality of inspirational education and development - and our teaching and working methods and our services and environment reflect this relentless commitment.

Transformation: We believe in using creative working methods to develop new and innovative ways of fulfilling and exceeding our financial, social and environmental aims - renewing and transforming our business and helping us to touch and transform the lives of everyone who works with Blackburne House.

Equality: Blackburne House is and has always been about holistic approaches to improving the lives of women - all women. We constantly build on the diversity and range of our services, including support and education services for children and men, where these will contribute to improving the lives of women.

Independence: As well as helping our students and service users to develop their own independence, our charitable and commercial activities all operate to continuously improving business standards - to deliver the independence of Blackburne House.

Apply

Application forms are available on request from Carole Joel on carolejoel@blackburnehouse.co.uk

The application form and an accompanying letter outlining your experience and impact should be completed and returned by 16th February.

Interviews will be held on 22nd February.