

Trustee
National Botanic Garden of Wales
Llanarthne, Carmarthenshire



Established in May 2000 as one of 3 millennium projects in Wales supported by the Millennium Commission, the National Botanic Garden of Wales (the Garden) is one of the nation's most significant visitor attractions of exceptional scientific and educational value. Home to the iconic Great Glasshouse and celebrated as a key member of the international community of botanic gardens, it currently employs c.75 FTE employees and benefits from over 22,000 hours of voluntary input each year. Generating c.£3M income annually, it has welcomed more than 2.2m visitors since opening and now attracts in the region of 140,000 visitors per annum. Recognised as a national asset in the Science Strategy for Wales and an essential contributor to the region's economy, the Garden works in partnership with over 70 organisations in Wales and across the world; spanning horticulture, education, sustainability, conservation, science & research, arts and Welsh culture and boasts HRH the Prince of Wales as its Patron and Sir Gareth Edwards as its Honorary President.

The Board of Trustees currently has vacancies and would welcome expressions of interest to join the Board.

The Role

- Support the Director in implementing the organisational vision and strategy.
- Be a company director of The National Botanic Garden of Wales fulfilling all the statutory requirements of that role and complying with the requirements under the Companies Act 2006.
- Actively fulfil the duties of a charity trustee and be familiar with these responsibilities.
- Participate in meetings, preparing as necessary, so as to engage with the direction, decision-making, and business of the Garden. Meetings of the Board are normally held five times a year and are held at the Garden. The meetings generally last three to four hours with preparation expected in advance.
- Act in an ambassadorial role, attending functions, events and exhibitions as opportunity and time permits as well as widely promoting the Garden. This includes facilitating relationships, brokering contracts, and enhancing communication both internally and externally as well as with stakeholders, partner organisations, interested bodies, groups and individuals.
- Liaise with other Trustees, the Director, the management team, and others as suits the best interests of the Garden.
- Serve on Board committees (Audit, Nomination and Remuneration) and recruitment / selection panels and other ad-hoc sub committees, when required.

Personal Skills

Trustees need to have vision, and the ability to promote and progress the Garden's mission. Trustees are expected to act collectively and individually in the best interests of the Charity, bringing external independent viewpoints to support its success.

Key qualities include:-

- Governance and leadership
- Representational and ambassadorial skills
- Ability to act with independence as well as in a participatory/committee role
- Empathy for the vision of the Garden, its achievements, evolution, and history, in addition to its contribution to Wales.
- Understanding the importance of the Welsh language.

Particular Expertise and Capability

The Garden has ambitions to consolidate and expand its reputation as a national centre of excellence within Wales. In view of this the Garden is looking for new Trustees to join its Board who offer attributes and skills complimentary to the strengths already represented. The following fields would be particularly welcomed:-

- Commercial and retail
- Science education, lifelong learning, interpretation and public engagement
- Rural land use including agriculture, woodland and food growing
- Historic landscape and heritage restoration
- Strategic and operational capital asset management and maintenance
- Marketing, public relations, media
- Tourism experience
- Social return on investment

Expression of Interest

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee please submit an expression of interest to include a current CV together with a covering letter and clear personal statement setting out the qualities and attributes you would be able to offer the Board and could bring to your appointment as a Trustee. Please also nominate two referees willing to support your expression of interest with a reference.

All applications will be acknowledged.

Applications to be sent to: **Janine Oram – HR Administrator**
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