

Role title:	Trustee
Responsible to:	MCS CF Chair
Role purpose:	To oversee and guide the MCS CF and its strategy and funds as part of the board of Trustees
Hours:	Approximately 6-9 days a year.
Term:	This is a three-year term with the possibility of re-appointment for a further two terms.
Salary:	This is a voluntary role and travel expenses will be reimbursed
Location:	Quarterly Board meetings will generally take place in London or Warrington offices / hybrid with any other meetings taking place online
Start Date:	March 2023

Are you a strategically minded professional looking for an opportunity to apply your experience and skills to combat climate change? Do you have a background in institutional fundraising, charity governance, innovation or advocacy? If so, we would like to hear from you.

Charity Overview

The MCS Charitable Foundation, founded by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), today operates as an independent foundation and is a leading UK not-for-profit organisation accelerating decarbonisation solutions for the buildings and household sector, a hard-to-decarbonise segment that accounted for 21% of the total UK emissions in 2020.

Core Activities

The MCS Charitable Foundation carries out its work under three core streams of activities:

- **National and Local Advocacy:** Advocacy at the local and national level, alone and in partnership with other like-minded organisations to undertake research and promote policies that can facilitate the uptake of renewables and low-carbon technologies in the building and household sectors. Those may range from campaigns to reduce VAT on renewables to enabling retail financing to renewable technologies.
- **Financing and Scaling-Up Innovations:** Via Grants and seed-funding and a range of partnerships we identify and support innovations to decarbonise homes, heat and energy – for example, in the fields of skills, community engagement, research and local authority delivery programmes. For more information on our grants programme see our Funding page. We expect the level of capital deployed to expand significantly in the coming years as we forge partnerships with larger groups and foundations to channel large scale and recurrent funding to our sector.
- **Quality and Performance Standards Setting and Enforcement:** Setting and enforcing, via its wholly-owned subsidiary MCS Service Company, the national standards for the installation and operation of a wide range of renewables and low-carbon technologies, from solar to heat-pumps. Our certification underpins several

national governmental programmes and incentives to promote adoption of renewables and low-carbon technologies.

The Role

This is a high-impact role for individuals keen on working at the forefront of decarbonisation efforts in the UK and contributing their skills and experience to overcoming the many practical challenges of making net-zero emissions a reality.

As we take the Foundation to the next level, we are looking to recruit two Trustees to our Board. The successful candidate should be able to offer strategic and tactical advice and support to the foundation and its trading company. We are looking for individuals with a professional background in one or more of the following areas: institutional fundraising, charity governance, innovation in scaling up a sector (non-technical) and advocacy around policy change.

Several of our Trustees are also Trustee representatives on the Board of MCS Service Company which ensures quality and standards of renewable energy installations. It is preferred that the new Trustees also have the flexibility to join the company Board. That may require an additional 6 days per year.

What will you be doing

- There are currently 4 Board Meetings a year, and 2 Grant Committee Meetings, with short informal meetings in between as needed.
- The MCS Service Company Board also meets 4 times per year.

Key Skills

Essential

- Strong interest in issues of decarbonisation and energy transition
- Proven ability to operate at a strategic level
- Experience at Board level at private firms, public sector and/or charitable organisations
- Availability to serve on Charity Board for at least 1 term (3 years)
- Skills and background in one or more of the following areas:
 - Fundraising from large Foundations and/or public/private sectors
 - Innovation in scaling up a sector (non technical)
 - Charity governance, particularly for charities with subsidiaries and a web of partnerships with government, private sector and other civil society organisations.
 - Advocacy, policy and external affairs

Desirable

- Experience in organisations with a strong public service or mission based orientation
- Availability to also represent Charity on Company Board for at least 1 term (3 years)

Application Process

Applications should be submitted by email to: lisa@mcscharitablefoundation.org including:

- (i) Covering Letter expressing your motivation for the role and how you fit the requirements; and
- (ii) CV

The closing date for the receipt of applications is 9am on 6th February 2023.

Interviews will take place with shortlisted candidates during mid-February with a start date planned for March 2023.

Full details regarding the interview process will be sent to shortlisted candidates in advance.

Please note that all data will be held in the strictest confidence and in compliance with the Data Protection Act of 1998 and will only be used for the purpose of selection of trustees.