

Association of Anaesthetists

Lay member recruitment pack



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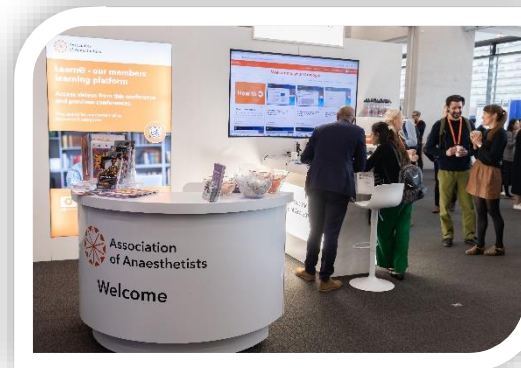
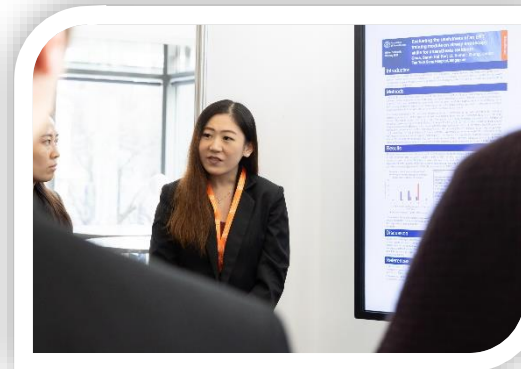
About us

The Association of Anaesthetists (the Association) represents the life-changing, life-saving profession of anaesthesia – by supporting, informing and inspiring a worldwide community of over 10,000 members.

Our mission is to safeguard patients by educating, supporting, and inspiring every anaesthetist throughout their career, enabling them to provide the best care in every healthcare setting.

Founded in 1932, the Association is the only anaesthesia membership association covering the whole of Great Britain and Ireland and represents the largest medical specialty in the NHS. We are an organisation of, and for, anaesthetists, providing member services at all career stages from medical student through training, to becoming and working as a consultant or SAS doctor, and finally to retirement. The Association acts as an influential voice for the specialty regarding health and public policy. Our [strategic priorities](#) include patient safety and safety; education and research; advocacy and support; and innovation and growth.

The Association provides education, research funding, produces best practice guidelines, offers wellbeing support and provides grant-funding for international work in low-income countries. We also publish the world's leading anaesthetic journal *Anaesthesia* and maintain a renowned Heritage Centre at our head office at 21 Portland Place, London.



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The Association recognises the importance of the contribution which can be made by lay members drawn from other professional backgrounds outside the specialty of anaesthesia to delivering our strategy and programmes of work. We recruit individuals with relevant skills and expertise to defined roles on our committees and board. All roles are openly recruited through advertising and selection panel interviews. The roles are voluntary and unremunerated.

Lay members bring expertise, judgment and balance which complement the skills of the elected directors and trustees. Their principal assets will be their independence and non-clinical expertise.

It is envisaged that the lay member will add value not only to the committee's work but to the organisation as a whole. In addition, lay members may be asked from time to time to represent the Association with external organisations.

This is a voluntary role (unremunerated except for out of pocket expenses) and offers an opportunity to contribute to the strategic development of a leading medical membership organisation dedicated to promoting patient safety and quality of care in the UK and worldwide.

We are seeking a number of enthusiastic individuals to join the Association as lay members on our committees.

Terms and conditions of appointment

- All appointments are for an initial one year, renewable for up to four years in total.
- Lay members will be a full member of the relevant committee
- Appointment will be subject to an application process which includes interviews and two references will be required for the successful candidate
- These are voluntary roles (unremunerated except for out of pocket expenses)
- Lay members must complete a declaration of conflicts of interest



How to apply

To submit to any of the role, please submit a CV along with a cover letter to secretariat@anaesthetists.org by the advertised deadline. Interviews will be held via videoconference.

Environment and sustainability lay member

The Association is seeking to appoint a lay member to join its Safety, Standards, Environment and Sustainability Committee which plays a key role in the driving the sustainability strategy and workstream for the organisation.

Sustainability is a strategic priority for the Association and we seek to lead the specialty on environmental matters and 'green' anaesthesia, working closely with other agencies and stakeholders. The lay member will help develop the environment and sustainability strategy for the Association, offering their professional expertise and their independent perspective.

Lay members bring expertise, judgment and balance which complement the skills of the elected directors and trustees. Their principal assets will be their independence and non-clinical expertise.

Purpose of the role:

We are keen to appoint a lay member with a background in one or more of the following areas:

- Environment and sustainability in a public or charity sector context.
- Patient and public advocacy and engagement in the environment.
- The use of advocacy in political and media arenas.
- Evaluation and impact measurement relating to environment and sustainability including the use of high-quality science



Safety, Standards, Environment and Sustainability Committee lay member

The Association is seeking to appoint a lay member with expertise in the environment and sustainability to join its Safety, Standards, Environment and Sustainability Committee which plays a key role in the driving the sustainability strategy and workstream for the organisation.

The committee actively promotes safe, carbon friendly healthcare across the profession and internationally. It has supported a national fellowship in environmentally sustainable anaesthesia in partnership with Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the Centre for Sustainable Healthcare, and offers awards to recognise excellence in sustainability in the specialty.

The Association also supports a network of environment champions across hospitals in the United Kingdom and Ireland to encourage collaboration and share examples of best practice. Alongside the Greener NHS Team, the Association is part of a joint task group to achieve the goals related to anaesthesia that have been set out in the NHS long term plan, of which a particular focus is reducing the impact of anaesthetic gases. In January 2023 a joint statement was issued with NHS England (NHSE) and the Royal College of Anaesthetists supporting NHSE's plan to decommission desflurane by early 2024. Work continues on reducing nitrous oxide waste.

Responsible to: Chair of the Safety, Standards, Environment & Sustainability Committee

Key relationships:

- Chair of the Safety, Standards, Environment & Sustainability Committee
- All Officers and committee members
- Chief Executive Officer and Senior Management
- Other staff as required

Time commitment

The dates for committee meetings are set 12 months in advance.

- The Safety, Standards, Environment and Sustainability Committee meets three a year as via videoconference. Meetings are held on a Friday, either via videoconference or at 21 Portland Place, London
- The lay member is expected to attend each committee meeting
- Some correspondence in between meetings is likely

In addition, lay members may be asked from time to time to represent the Association with external organisations.

Person specification

Essential experience and desirable skills are shown below.

Expertise of environmental and sustainability work in a public or charity sector context	Essential
Objectivity in environment and sustainability matters	Essential
Knowledge of patient and public engagement in the environment	Essential
Ability to contribute ideas and constructive challenge at a time of modernisation and development	Essential
Enthusiasm and commitment to advancing the environmental and sustainability agenda	Essential
A commitment to public service values of accountability, probity, openness and equality of opportunity.	Essential
Experience in the use of advocacy in political and media arenas	Desirable
Experience of evaluation and impact measurement relating to environment and sustainability including the use of high-quality science	Desirable

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Our vision

The Association of Anaesthetists' motto is *in somno securitas* (safe in sleep). Our vision is that every patient under our care is kept safe.

Our mission

Our mission is to safeguard patients by educating, supporting, and inspiring every anaesthetist throughout their career, enabling them to provide the best care in every healthcare setting.

Our values

Committed

We are a respected and independent organisation, committed to speaking up and speaking out on behalf of our members and the anaesthesia community.

Trusted

For over 90 years, we have helped to set standards, share knowledge, and support thousands of people in a vital profession. Our expertise matters to our members and globally.

Innovative

We look forward, not back. We care about the future of anaesthesia and actively help shape its future on behalf of our members by listening, responding, and innovating.

Connected

We are a dynamic, diverse, and inclusive community. We exist because of, and on behalf of, our members.

Our strategic priorities 2024 to 2029



Patient care and safety

- Advance and improve patient care and safety in the field of anaesthesia.
- Inspire and support our members always to practice with safety in mind.
- Be the leading publisher of anaesthesia safety guidelines and expert advice.



Education and research

- Preserve, develop, and share the heritage of the specialty.
- Develop and provide world class education in anaesthesia.
- Promote global access to anaesthesia education.
- Work in partnership with others to build capacity through national and international research initiatives.



Advocacy and support

- Be the leadership voice for the anaesthesia specialty.
- Represent and advance the interests and wellbeing of our members.
- Protect and support our members throughout their careers.
- Promote anaesthesia as a specialty led by and delivered by doctors.



Innovation and growth

- Research and promote innovations in sustainable working practices for the specialty.
- Use the latest technology to enable us to deliver the best services for our members.
- Promote the diversity, wellbeing, and continuous development of our people.
- Invest wisely, protect, and optimise our assets, and always act with sustainability in mind to ensure the future of the Association.