

Hope for the Future: Join our Trustee Board

Are you passionate about making a tangible difference in the fight against the climate and nature emergency? Hope for the Future is seeking a dynamic Treasurer ready to channel their financial expertise into amplifying our impact through democratic engagement.

Why This Role Matters:

As our previous Treasurer passes the torch, we're searching for a visionary to not only manage but elevate our financial strategies. As the steward of our financial affairs, you'll not only oversee the organisation's fiscal health but also chair our Board Finance Committee, steering our financial compass towards sustainability and growth.

Who We're Looking For:

- 🚀 **Strategic Visionaries:** Whether you've honed your financial acumen in consulting, accounting, or strategic roles within commercial or charitable sectors, your expertise is our asset.
- 🌱 **Start-up Savvy:** Experience in small businesses or charities? Your knack for financial strategy in nimble, growing environments is precisely what we're seeking.
- 🎯 **Leaders and Learners:** While leadership and managerial prowess are essential, we're also on the lookout for candidates ready to roll up their sleeves, dive in, and take a hands-on approach.
- 📊 **Accounting Aces:** Being a qualified accountant? That's a bonus! But more than titles, we value individuals who are passionate about our mission.

What's in It for You

Aligning with Hope for the Future means championing democratic engagement for climate and nature action. If you're new to the non-executive realm, fear not! As long as you grasp the nuances between executive and non-executive roles and appreciate the vital aspects of governance and risk, you're the perfect fit.



About Hope for the Future

At Hope for the Future, we believe in the power of democratic engagement in calling for action on climate change and the nature crisis. We do this by empowering local communities with the skills and tools they need to engage effectively with their MPs and other elected representatives. **We have a proven record of effectively engaging MPs and other local politicians across party lines, leading to action both in Parliament, and at a local level.**

The next general election is due to take place in 2024, and will be era-defining for the environmental agenda – we are halfway through the crucial ‘decade of delivery’ – and legally-binding targets on climate and nature will be won or lost in the next Parliament. Now, more than ever, is a significant moment to encourage people all over the UK to raise their voices to influence and inspire local politicians to take action for climate change and nature.

At a time when the UK political conversation sometimes seems irretrievably polarised, we anchor our approach to influencing the response to the climate and nature crisis in relationship building, finding ways to invite Members of Parliament into a different sort of dialogue.

A central part of our mission is ensuring we reach diverse communities across the UK. Having a diverse board is a central part of enabling us to do this. If you have questions about joining the Board - or perhaps have not been a trustee before - we would love to talk to help you to decide whether or not to apply. You can get in touch with:

- Jonny Exon (Chair of Trustees) at jonny.exon@hftf.org.uk
- Laura D’Henin-Ivers (Co-Director for Delivery and Operations) at laura.dhenin@hftf.org.uk

Apply

To apply, please attach a cover letter stating why you’d be a good fit for this role and a copy of your CV to applications@hftf.org.uk

Include “Application for the Role of Treasurer” in the subject line of the email by 5th February 2024.

We expect interviews to take place dates w/c 12th February 2024.

Treasurer Responsibilities

Alongside routine trustee responsibilities (outlined below), the treasurer will also be expected to:

- Oversee the budgeting process and, with the Co-Directors, present the budget, accounts and financial statements
- Chair the Finance Sub-Committee of the Board
- Ensure the finances of the organisation will meet its present and future needs, and advising the wider Board of any concerns in this respect, including some overview on fundraising strategy
- Ensure that Hope for the Future has an appropriate reserves (and, if relevant, investments) policy, which is being observed
- Assist with the presentation of financial reports to the wider Board (although Hope for the Future staff will prepare reports), including presenting the accounts at the AGM
- Ensure that the organisation's financial controls and other financial policies are fit for purpose, and advising the board accordingly
- Maintain oversight of financial risks, and see that they are being appropriately mitigated by the staff team
- Support and advise the wider Board on the appointment of an auditor, and providing board-level input to the audit as required
- Support the senior staff team at Hope for the Future to ensure that the accounts are prepared and submitted to the relevant regulators (eg Companies House, Charity Commission)

Treasurer Specification

- Experience of financial operations in a charity or a small business
- Familiar with explaining financial matters to less experienced colleagues
- Understanding of applying financial strategy within a small and growing organisation
- Willingness to advise staff on financial matters on an ad hoc basis, should the need arise