

## **Trustee with finance expertise**

We are seeking candidates with some of the following expertise:

- Financing sustainable energy (with an understanding of the role that a wide variety of capital is playing in developing this sector from philanthropy to project finance, through private equity and venture capital).
- Impact and commercial investing at an enterprise level.
- Innovative finance and business models for scaling sustainable energy.
- In addition, experience of financial control and governance, and fundraising experience, contacts and networks would be desirable.

## **Person specification**

- A commitment to Ashden and its mission.
- A good understanding of and interest in sustainability or sustainable energy.
- A willingness to devote the necessary time and effort: prepare for and attend board meetings four times a year plus an annual away day; be prepared to work with members of the EMT on specific areas in which you have specialist knowledge.
- Strategic vision.
- Good, independent judgement.
- An ability to think creatively.
- A willingness to speak their mind.
- An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship.
- Experience or demonstrable understanding of the role of a trustee.
- An ability to work effectively as a member of a team.
- A commitment to Nolan's seven principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

The duties of a trustee are as follows.

- Ensuring that Ashden pursues its stated objects (purposes), as defined in its governing documents, by helping to develop and agreeing a long-term strategy
- Ensuring that Ashden complies with its governing documents, charity law, company law and any other relevant legislation or regulations.
- Ensuring that Ashden applies its resources exclusively in pursuance of its charitable objects (i.e. the charity must not spend money on activities that are not included in its own objects, however worthwhile or charitable those activities are) for the benefit of the public.

- Ensuring that Ashden defines its goals and evaluates performance against agreed targets.
- Safeguarding the good name and values of Ashden.
- Ensuring the effective and efficient administration of Ashden, including having appropriate policies and procedures in place.
- Ensuring the financial stability of Ashden.
- Protecting and managing the property of the charity and ensuring the proper investment of the charity's funds.

In addition to the above statutory duties, each trustee should use any specific skills, knowledge or experience they have to help the board of trustees reach sound decisions. This may involve scrutinising board papers, leading discussions, focusing on key issues, providing advice and guidance on new initiatives, or other issues in which the trustee has special expertise.