

## Join the CIWM Presidential Team

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The CIWM Presidential Team perform an essential role in the leadership, direction and voice of CIWM. The team is made up of the President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President and Immediate Past President.

All members of the Presidential Team are CIWM General Councillors, joining General Council when they become Junior Vice President, and so are part of CIWM General Council (also known as CIWM Trustee Board). General Councillors are CIWM Trustees and you can read about the specific duties of CIWM Trustees below.

The Presidential Team also sit on the CIWM [Members' Council](#) as a link between the General Council and Members Representatives, who represent 10 [CIWM Centres](#).

### Current Presidential team

You can meet our current team [here](#) and hear about their work, including the Presidential podcast, at [Circular](#).

### The role of the President

- The President represents CIWM at various events acting in an ambassadorial role and is a key spokesperson for CIWM.
- The President may attend international conferences or congresses representing CIWM and may be invited to make presentations or speak. There may be events in the UK including dinners with other member organisations, opening of new facilities or social engagements.
- The President has a role as guardian of the professional standards of CIWM.
- It has become traditional for the President to set out one or more themes for their year in office. These themes are often initially developed as part of their presentation to Members' Council as part of their application to become Junior Vice President. The themes may also be reflected in a ['Presidential Report'](#) developed during the Senior Vice President year and launched around their inauguration as President.
- The President is a CIWM Trustee and has a role in ensuring CIWM meets its charitable objectives.

### Term of Office

- The Junior Vice President is selected in Spring by the Members' Council and becomes Junior Vice President Elect at this point.
- They then become Junior Vice President at the next Presidential Inauguration which usually takes place in June.



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- The Junior Vice President then progresses to Senior Vice President in the following year and then President the year after that.
- Once they complete their Presidential year they become Immediate Past President.

From becoming Junior Vice President to finishing as Immediate Past President usually takes four years. The process may be accelerated if for any reason a member of the team is unable to take up their position or has to stand down.

### Responsibilities

All members of the Presidential team are Trustees, members of the General Council and members of the Members' Council during their terms of office. The President chairs the Members' Council which meets 3 times per year and the CIWM Annual General Meeting.

### Application process

Our members come from all walks of life and we welcome applications from a wide variety of backgrounds because we know it makes CIWM stronger. We welcome applicants regardless of gender or gender identity, age, disability, race, sexual orientation, or religion or belief.

Each year CIWM will invite nominations for Junior Vice President which must be submitted by **31 December**.

Applicants must be CIWM Fellows and must submit a personal statement and have support from either 3 CIWM General Councillors or their CIWM Centre Council. CIWM has ten Centres throughout the UK and Ireland which are run by member volunteers (Centre Councillors).

### Assessment process

Applicants are then invited to present at CIWM Members Council in Spring and the Junior Vice President is then appointed by ballot of Members' Representatives.

For more details on the application and assessment process please email [ceo@ciwm.co.uk](mailto:ceo@ciwm.co.uk).



## CIWM Trustee Job Description

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The duties of a Trustee are:

- To ensure the organisation [pursues its stated objects, as defined in its governing document](#), by developing and agreeing a long-term strategy.
- To ensure that the organisation complies with its governing document, charity law, company law and any other relevant legislation or regulations.
- To ensure that the organisation applies its resources exclusively in pursuance of its charitable objects for the benefit of the public.
- To ensure the organisation defines its goals and evaluates performance against agreed targets.
- To ensure the financial stability of the organisation.
- To safeguard the good name and values of the organisation.
- To protect and manage the property of the charity and to ensure the proper investment of the charity's funds.
- To ensure the effective and efficient administration of the organisation including having appropriate policies and procedures in place.
- To follow proper and formal arrangements for the appointment, supervision, support, appraisal and remuneration of the Chief Executive.

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

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