

Further Volunteering Opportunities

CIWM prides itself on being an open and inclusive institution and we greatly value the support our members and volunteers provide to us and to each other. We offer several volunteering opportunities which reach beyond our Centre Council roles and offer great benefits to the volunteer. If you are interested in supporting us and fellow members whilst developing your professional knowledge and skills, some of our key opportunities are detailed below.

Professional Interview Panelist

Being a professional interview panelist is an important and beneficial role as both our panelists and candidates often meet new people, and through professional discussion can learn something new about our sector. As this role involves peer assessment of candidates who have applied to become Chartered members, our interview panelists must be CIWM Chartered or Fellow members.

Interviews are conducted each year in the Spring and Autumn. Our interview panels comprise of three Chartered members, one of whom takes on the role of panel Chairperson. We have a pool of interview panelists in each of our regions who volunteer their time based on their personal availability, making this a flexible position.

This role involves some advance preparation to peruse candidates' applications and we normally have approx. 5 candidates per panel. The interviews span a whole day and at the end of the session, the panel will work together to arrive at a decision for each candidate. The panel Chairperson will then complete the associated paperwork and return to our Professional Development team.

We have recently refreshed the candidate assessment process to align with the [CIWM Chartered Competencies](#) and the [CIWM Framework of Professional Standards](#). As a panelist you will be well supported as the CIWM Professional Development team will provide an overview and guidance on the process in advance of interviews. To find out more about becoming an Interview panelist or if you have any questions, please contact membership@ciwm.co.uk.

Mentor Other Members

This is a perfect role for those who are keen to give back to the sector and support the future generation of resources and waste professionals. By becoming a mentor and sharing your knowledge, skills and experience with a less experienced member can be an incredibly rewarding experience. Being a mentor also provides an opportunity for continued personal development as mentoring can enhance your leadership, coaching and communication skills.

As a professional institution, personal development is extremely important to us and many of our members will have had a mentor at some point during their career. To help support and enhance our mentoring programme, we have recently introduced a member only on-line platform which links mentees to mentors. The platform is designed to help mentees source a mentor for support in one key development area rather than general long-term mentoring support.

As a mentor you would be in control of who you select as a mentee based on skillset, how much time and support you can provide and set the end date. If being a mentor is of interest, you can register on the new platform [here](#).

Join a Special Interest Group

By joining a CIWM Special Interest Group (SIG) you will have the opportunity to share your technical knowledge and experience to help influence and steer our sector. CIWM Special Interest Groups comprise of professionals who collectively produce best practice and guidance documents; contribute to consultation responses and write technical papers for our Knowledge Centre and award-winning Circular magazine.

We are constantly adapting to the changes within our environment and to be at the forefront we align our [Special Interest Groups](#) to sector development areas and priority issues. There are two tiers to our groups and all members can join the wider group by logging into their membership account and subscribing. The second tier is the main steering group which has fewer participants and involves additional commitment. If you are interested in joining a steering groups, please email technical@ciwm.co.uk

Contribute to Circular on-line and Circular magazine

If you are not currently a member of a Special Interest Group and would like contribute independently by writing an article for inclusion in any of our communications please contact membership@ciwm.co.uk

Contribute to Consultations

If you are not currently a member of a Special Interest Group and would like contribute independently to a consultation that is within your specialist knowledge area please contact technical@ciwm.co.uk

Speak at Events

CIWM is renowned for its high-quality topical events which attract a wide and diverse audience. We have a comprehensive [events programme](#) and facilitate conferences and seminars throughout the UK and Ireland. We engage with professionals throughout the sector to provide our event delegates with the very latest sector developments and key issues. If you would like to share your knowledge by speaking at one of our events, please contact events@ciwm.co.uk

CIWM Connect

Share and gather information to help support other members whilst developing your professional knowledge. [CIWM Connect](#) is a brand-new online community where you can share ideas and advice, solve problems, ask and answer questions, and, above all, connect with each other. Simply [log in](#) using your CIWM account details (your username and password), edit your profile, and you're ready to go. While exploring the community, please feel free to join the conversation by replying to posts or starting your own.

If you would like to volunteer in any other way that has not been mentioned above please contact membership@ciwm.co.uk or call 01604 620426 to express and interest as we would be delighted to hear you suggestions.