
The D&T Association's Nomination Form for the Design and Technology Association's Board of Trustees

The Design and Technology Association wants to help all young people shape their world and to nurture those who will become the innovators, wealth creators and problem solvers of tomorrow, by being the authority on developing high quality design and technology teaching and learning in schools.

Nominations are invited for the Design and Technology Association's Board of Trustees (the Design and Technology Association's Directors). Trustees play a key role in ensuring this leading subject association supports and influences the development of D&T education. They make an essential contribution to ensuring the future success of the Association, its direction and prosperity.

Members of the Association

The Board of Trustees are the only Members of the Association. The other categories of members became associate members as per the changes to the Association's Memorandum and Articles of Association approved at the 2011 AGM. In order to be nominated as a Trustee, the person needs to be, or become, an associate member.

Board of Trustees

This is the Design and Technology Association's governing body, which has a management and strategic function, forming the D&T Association's Directors. A Finance and General Purpose Committee is elected from within the Board. There may be up to fourteen nominated trustees, each serving a three-year period of office, with the possibility of extending for a second three year term.

Nominations process

This means that each year up to a third of posts may be available. There is no restriction on who makes up the Board other than they are, or will become, associate members.

Nominations from associate members are requested and these will be verified by the nominations committee which will consist of a sub-group of existing Trustees. The nominations committee will also review the nominations against the skills, expertise and background required to complement the existing board, and make a recommendation to the full Board of Trustees on this basis.

The Board of Trustees will then decide on which nominated members to appoint as Trustees for the next period.

The Board annually reviews the balance of skills, knowledge and experience it requires from Trustees in order to successfully fulfil its governance role. This year, taking into account the background of the continuing Trustees, the Board is particularly interested in seeking new Trustees who are able to demonstrate skills, knowledge and experience in one or more of the following areas:

- current and recent experience of teaching design and technology and/or support for design and technology in schools;
- current national education policy and its interpretation, implementation and impact on, ideally, early years/foundation stage, primary, secondary and tertiary phases;

In addition, Trustees are also interested in:

- practice of school-based initial teacher education;
- developing online and distance learning materials and programmes;
- developing collaborative hubs/membership communities;
- a willingness to shape and support design and technology in schools.

Trustee meetings

The Board of Trustees meets four times per year, either at the Design and Technology Association's office in Wellesbourne or in London. However, it may be necessary to attend additional meetings as and when required.

The D&T Association will provide opportunities for trustee training and pay expenses to all members and supply costs, for teachers only, at a rate of £180 maximum for a full day. No consultancy rates will be paid.

For further information please email Brenda van Beijnum, Company Secretary: brenda.vanbeijnum@data.org.uk or telephone 01789 473907, or ask to be put in touch with an existing Trustee.

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The following Trustees' term of office is finishing on 31st December 2016:

Finishing:

- Andrew Midgley, Treasurer

Finishing but available for re-nomination:

- Andrew Midgley

Name of Nominee: _____ Membership No: _____

Institution/organisation (if applicable):: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Current Post Held: _____

Proposer: _____ Membership No: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Seconder: _____ Membership No: _____

Nominee's signature: _____ Date: _____

Would you like to make the board aware of any possible conflicts of interest? (Such as personal, financial or business relationships – this will not automatically exclude your application.) If yes, please give details

By signing this form I confirm that I am eligible to act as a Trustee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Brief description giving professional background of nominee, relating to one or more of the areas required as listed above (no more than 200 words). This will be used by the nominations committee to inform their recommendations to the Board of Trustees: