

Active Partnerships National Organisation

Board Vacancies

3 x Independent Non-Executive Directors (Voluntary incl expenses)
Role term: Maximum of 3 x 3 Year Terms for all roles

Our Vision: Making active lifestyles the social norm for everyone.

We are looking for people who share our deep passion and energy for the role that sport and physical activity plays in helping change people's lives. We connect, enable and support locally whilst thinking and operating nationally to address inequality and improve mental and physical health.

We have an experienced and committed group of Trustees and value people who bring a broad range of skills to our work. We are now looking to deepen our understanding and expertise around three specific areas and are therefore encouraging applications from people with these skill sets:

1. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
2. Charity & Commercial Finance
3. Communication and Public Affairs

If you have skills in these areas and would like to make a difference, please talk to us. If you think you can make a difference but lack Board experience, please talk to us - we're open minded about the background and experience people bring.

We are committed to establishing a board which is diverse in thought, characteristics, backgrounds and perspectives. In addition to maintaining our positive gender balance we are specifically seeking to increase our disability and ethnicity representation which is currently lacking.

Closing date for applications is **Monday 9th January.**

Our Purpose

The Active Partnership network's ambitions have sat at the heart of England's need to create the conditions for an active nation for over twenty years.

The network is made up of 43 locally led, non-profit, strategic enterprises, who have become a significant and unique part of the sport and physical health landscape. Putting inequalities at the heart of their work, they are helping ensure that everyone can unlock the advantages of an active life; and as a valued partner of Sport England, they are a central feature of its Uniting the Movement strategy, playing a pivotal role in connecting, influencing and driving change in their local places.

The Active Partnership national team was set up in 2011, as the national charitable organisation, enabling the local Active Partnerships to come together as a membership network. Funded by their annual subscriptions and Sport England, our story began with a purpose to 'represent, support and lead' the Active Partnership network. Over the years their agendas, relationships and approach have evolved, and the work of the whole network has seen it grow into a strong collective that comes together to learn, share, do joint work, support one another and speak with one voice like never before.

Our role and purpose has evolved alongside the network's journey; having undergone a recent review we have clarified our role as a System Partner of Sport England and renewed our commitment to the network through 'enabling, connecting and supporting' it. We have successfully re-structured the national team with a new Chief Executive Officer in post leading a refreshed, skilled and purpose driven team. Our focus then turned to our Board and recently we [announced the appointment of Dave Capper as our Chair](#).

We have spent time thinking hard about the Board's role, composition and how we want to operate to ensure we are effectively and purposefully driving, supporting, and championing the organisation and the wider network. It is an exciting time to join our board to help shape and support the delivery of a new strategy. We aim to recruit three new independent Trustees with expertise that can support the existing Board, Executive and the network in delivering our vision.

The Board

Our Board is comprised of experienced Independent Non-Executive Directors, Sport England representation and strategic leaders from within the network as 'related members' representing their peers to ensure the network's voice, energies, ideas, challenge, and opportunities sit at the heart of our work as a Board.

We meet 4-6 times per year, embracing a mix of virtual and face to face meetings which take place typically in London or Birmingham, with a hybrid option, as well as remote sub-committee meetings. All expenses will be fully reimbursed. We are a visible Board who actively participate in several events, meetings and functions to connect, learn and foster relationships with partners.

The Person

We're bold with our ambitions because we know our challenge is big. We recognise therefore we need people with exceptional skills and qualities who can add real value. We want people who can challenge our thinking, support strategy development, and bring energy and commitment to champion these areas.

We are particularly keen for an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion champion to bring lived experience and broaden our representation in terms of ethnicity, disadvantaged or protected characteristic groups.

Applications

If you would like an informal discussion about the role please contact CEO Andy Taylor on ataylor@activepartnerships.org or current Acting Chair Alison Shipway on alishipway@shipway-consulting.co.uk

To apply for the role, please supply a supporting letter of no more than two pages, which fully addresses the INED role you are interested in and what you would bring to the role. Applications to be sent via email to hjames@activepartnerships.org

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Diversity Statement

We're building a culture where diversity is valued and we can all be ourselves. We still have work to do but are strongly committed to inclusive practices which demonstrate fairness, equality and anti-racism in everything we do. We will not tolerate less favourable treatment of anyone, especially those with legally protected characteristics, and welcome applications from all sections of communities, particularly those under-represented in our organisation.