

## **The British Accreditation Council is seeking interested education professional to join its Board of Trustees**

The British Accreditation Council for Independent Further and Higher Education (BAC) was founded in 1984 by the British Council and the department of Education to accredit independent Further and Higher Education institutions.

BAC's role has changed over the years adapting to regulatory changes so that today BAC fulfils a different function to that when it was first started. In the UK BAC has a key role in accrediting education and training providers through its accreditation activities as well as supporting the Short -Term Study Visa regulatory framework.

Internationally, BAC continues to see increasing demand for its accreditation activities across the spectrum of education and training activity.

As a charitable institution BAC has a specific responsibility to meet its Charitable Objects;

*To providing a system of accreditation for educational and training institutions in order to promote public confidence in such institutions and their programmes of study;*

*and assisting in the improvement and maintenance of the standards of accredited institutions through the offer of advisory and consultancy services principally in the field of further and higher education.*

BAC is well placed to meet the responsibilities of our Charitable Objects with a highly experienced inspecting body, a knowledgeable and flexible staff and the financial resources necessary to support our work.

### **Applying to become a trustee**

The Board seeks members who are interested and committed to ensuring rigorous quality assurance in education and training and have the necessary skills and experience to participate in the decision-making process.

Experience in the education or training sector at a senior level is necessary combined with a real commitment to quality assurance.

For the Board to consider a new trustee please submit a brief CV and covering letter outlining your professional experience.

The Board ask for the following considerations to be kept in mind when making your decision to apply:

1. BAC will pay UK travel expenses but cannot pay for overseas travel or hotel accommodation.
2. There is **no** remuneration for sitting on the Board although, as indicated above, BAC will reimburse expenses
3. Board members must avoid a conflict of interest. A conflict of interest will arise when a member's external activities may compromise the ability of the member to take impartial decision
4. The Board meets 3 times a year
5. The Board meetings typically take place between 11.30 am – 13.30 pm on the day of a meeting. This can mean a conflict with other duties. Candidates are asked to bear this in mind before deciding if they would like to join the Board.
6. The Board's work does require members to read considerable amounts of material prior to meeting. A typical estimate would be that three- or four-hours' preparation time for each meeting is required.

### **Interested?**

if you would like to know more about the work of the trustees and what it entails please contact **Lisa Adkins**. Email: [Lisa.adkins@the-bac.org](mailto:Lisa.adkins@the-bac.org)

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