



NSEAD Elections 2022

Get involved with the NSEAD Council and take an active part in the work of your Society.

NSEAD works to ensure that educators are able to provide high quality art, craft and design education for all learners, of all ages, at all stages and in all parts of the UK. NSEAD people are drawn from a wide range of backgrounds and settings, bringing their expertise to the NSEAD mission.

Our NSEAD Governance team support our fantastic membership to achieve our shared vision.

Do you want to make a difference to art, craft and design education?

Are you looking to develop your expertise and professional profile?

Have you got a special interest or experience to share?

Would you like to work with some of the leading educators in the UK?

Call for Nominations for members of Council and Vice President

Join NSEAD Council

We have vacancies for members wishing to serve on Council for the period January 2023- December 2025

There are **three** vacancies as we thank outgoing Council members for their service: Paul Brennan (North), Juliet Alcaez (South), Andy Ash (London, Home Counties),

Council meets in full three times a year on a Saturday morning, generally via video conference, although we aim to meet in person for at least one of those meetings.

As well as these governance meetings, Council members attend our Annual General Meeting in the summer, and may join working groups and sub-committees that meet informally at other times.

Every Council member is invited to be involved with our Research Groups, which drive policy and deliver real change for art, craft and design education.

Serve on our General Purposes Committee

We are also seeking nominations for **Vice-President**, a three year term of office from January 2023. Individuals nominated to serve as President of the Society **normally** will be serving members of Council or will have completed a term as a member of Council.

Support NSEAD Research Groups

Formerly known as 'NSEAD Special interest groups' our work has evolved to have a strong research focus, drawing on the expertise and experience of diverse groups of educators to focus on the issues that matter to our membership.

Find out more about how you can get involved here: <https://www.nsead.org/community-activism/special-interest-groups/>

How to apply

We are looking for people to reflect our diverse membership, and we are particularly keen to recruit members from under-represented groups and from diverse backgrounds. We seek to cover the range of settings and phases of education, regions and areas of expertise. We aim to always have a reserved place on Council for an NQT or recently qualified teacher.

Candidates seeking election to the Council or appointment as Vice-President must be paid up Full Members, Associate Members or Honorary Members resident in the United Kingdom.

Eligible members are encouraged to apply for any of these posts using the application forms available by e-mailing info@nsead.org, or calling 01225 810134.

The deadline for the receipt of nominations is 12 noon on Friday 7th October 2022.

Nomination forms can be downloaded here: <https://www.nsead.org/community-activism/about-nsead/governance-opportunities/governance-opportunities/>

NSEAD is powered by the work of our members – step up to Council and lead the change that you want to see.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does Council do?

Council is responsible for the governance of the Society. As a Council member you will be overseeing our strategic thinking as a subject association, a trade union and a learned society, guided by our Strategic Plan 2020-24, our Communications Strategy and our Policy Watch document. You will oversee the finances of the Society, supported by the Honorary Treasurer and have opportunity to be elected to our Finance & General Purposes Committee.

What is the Finance and General Purposes Committee? The Finance and General Purposes Committee is elected from within Council. It comprises the President, two Vice Presidents, the Honorary Treasurer and either the immediate past President or the President elect. Its role is to support and prioritise the work of the General Secretary and Assistant

General Secretary, and all other appointments and to be responsible for the financial health of the Society.

What qualifications do I need? Anyone who is an individual member – Full Trade Union, Associate or Honorary – can apply. We are looking for a breadth of experience, from across the full range of Art & Design Education. You don't have to be a teacher, and you don't need years of experience. Just a strong commitment to Art & Design education and the desire to work with others to make a difference.

How long will full Council meetings last? Two hours, usually. Council meetings usually run from 10.30am-12.30pm, meeting online.

Will I need to prepare for meetings? Yes please. We will send briefing papers, agendas and minutes at least two weeks in advance. Reading the papers may take a maximum of two hours. Be ready to give your opinion, and to make decisions. In between meetings we may call on your time and expertise to contribute to consultations or bring content to the NSEAD website.

How will I be re-imbursed if I have to travel to a meeting? We ask you to keep receipts from your journey and will provide you with a claim form from which we will re-imburse your travel costs (subject to limitations) by cheque or via bank details.

When and where do meetings take place? Three times a year. At least two of those meetings will be virtual. We use online conferencing for most of our NSEAD meetings. It is cost effective, but more importantly is a good use of your time, cutting out travel. It means that more people are able to be part of Council. Once a year Council members come together for an 'away day' to explore the big issues and attend our AGM. This is held in a convenient location and is a great opportunity to meet your Council colleagues in person.

How long will I commit for? Three years. January 2023-December 2025.

What if I can't attend all the meetings? Don't worry. There will be opportunities to contribute virtually in between meetings. We would be concerned if you missed three consecutive meetings.

What are the benefits of being a member of Council or Forum? This is your chance to directly influence and shape the work of NSEAD and to make a difference to Art & Design education across the UK. Being elected to Council or Forum, and the experience that you will gain is excellent professional development. You will work alongside some of the leading experts and most passionate advocates for Art & Design education in the UK – and indeed internationally. Lifelong friendships and professional networks are built through Council and Forum.

I'm tempted, but... Email Michele Gregson General Secretary NSEAD and arrange a chat. Michelegregson@nsead.org