



NSEAD Elections 2020. Call for Nominations for members of Council and members of NSEAD Forum

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?

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

We have vacancies for members wishing to serve on Council and Forum for the period January 2021- December 2023

Join Council

There are **six** vacancies as we thank outgoing Council members for their service: Nick Beavon (commercial, Midlands East), Paul Carney (secondary/primary, North East), Sarah Phillips (Art History, South), Katie Leonard (ITE, West Midlands), Deidre Robson (Inspection, Northern Ireland) and Tamar McClellan (FE, South).

Council meets on a Saturday morning three times a year by video conference and we aim to meet in person at our annual Council and Forum away day, in the autumn.

Join Forum

We also have vacancies for members wishing to serve on NSEAD Forum. There are **two** vacancies on NSEAD Forum.

NSEAD Forum meet with Council at our annual awayday, and at other times online according to interests arising.

Serve on our General Purposes Committee

We are also seeking nominations for **Vice-President**, a three year term of office from January 2021. We would like to offer this as **two part time roles**, continuing on from the excellent example set by Dr Emese Hall and Patricia Brown.

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.

How to apply

Membership of Council and NSEAD Forum are Council appointments from nominations received. We are looking for people to reflect our diverse membership, and we are particularly keen to recruit members from the art educator BAME communities, underrepresented 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. Members currently serving on NSEAD Council are welcome to seek election onto NSEAD Forum.

Candidates seeking election to the Council or appointment to Forum 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 30th October 2020.

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

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the difference between Council and NSEAD Forum?

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.

NSEAD Forum is responsible for advising and supporting specific aspects of the work of the Society to fulfil the objectives of our Strategic Plan. You may be advising on or contributing to any of the following, depending on your own expertise; social media and website development, initial teacher education, professional development, curriculum development, assessment and progression, partnership work, advocacy and communications, publications and content development and commissioning. You may initiate or join a time limited Specialist Interest Group.

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 meetings last? Two hours, usually. Council meetings will run from 10.30am-12.30pm, meeting online. NSEAD Forum meetings will run for a similar time, depending on the work that you are doing.

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 all your travel costs, by cheque or via bank details.

When and where do meetings take place? Three times a year. 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 and Forum. Once a year Council and Forum 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 and Forum colleagues in person.

How long will I commit for? Three years. January 2021-December 2023.

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