

Active Partnerships National Organisation Board Chair **Vacancy**

Time Commitment:

- You will be expected to commit to providing the equivalent of 2 to 3 days per month, which includes attendance at scheduled Board meetings alongside other meetings/engagement on a regular basis. Working arrangements will be discussed at interview.

Remuneration:

- £12000 per annum and reasonable expenses paid.

Role term:

- Maximum of 2 x 3 Year Terms

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Overall Purpose:

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

As locally-led, non-profit, strategic enterprises, the 43 organisations have become a significant and unique part of the sport and physical 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.

We were 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 has now turned to our Board.

We have spent time thinking hard about the Board's role, our composition and how we want to operate to ensure we are effectively and purposefully driving, supporting, and championing the organisation and the wider network. Following the term end of our current Interim Chair we are now looking to appoint a new Chair to continue the fantastic progress made leading the Board and supporting the Chief Executive Officer in developing a new organisational strategy.

The Board

Our Board is comprised of a number 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 across various locations in England as well as sub-committee meetings which members are expected to lead/participate in. We are a visible Board who actively participate in a number of events, meetings and functions to connect, learn and foster relationships with our wide range of partners including, for example, DCMS, OHID, Active Travel England and Sport and Recreation Alliance.

Applications

Appointing a new leader to our Board is critical which is why we are pleased to have appointed Jim Lord of iWonder Group to help us through the process.

We strongly recommend an informal discussion about the role with Jim before you apply and would ask you to contact him via jim@iwondergroup.com. In addition, should you wish to discuss the role with our outgoing Chair, please contact Adam Walker via adam@oaksconsultancy.co.uk.

To apply for the role, please supply an up-to-date CV with your preferred contact details and a supporting letter of no more than two pages, which fully addresses the criteria in the job description and person specification. Applications to be sent via email to jim@iwondergroup.com

Closing date for applications is 30th September 2022.

The Person

We're bold with our ambitions because we know our challenge is big. We recognise therefore we need someone with exceptional skills and qualities.

We're open minded to the background and experience the right person would bring; we have built strong trusted relationships with partners across all sectors of society including sport, health, social care, education, housing, transport, youth work and volunteering to name a few, and would welcome applications from within and beyond the sectors we work within.

We know though the attributes we need - someone who:

- Shares our deep passion and energy for the role of sport and physical activity in helping change people's lives.
- Has an ego-less approach and the desire and ability to build a culture of trust, collaboration, open-ness and bringing people together.
- Can inspire and play an influential role on a national stage in advocating for and championing the work and collective impact of our network.
- Has significant expertise in providing strategic direction, governance, financial management and executive leadership.
- Can be innovative, resilient, curious and prepared to challenge others and ourselves about our work and progress.

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 non-white ethnicity representation, which is currently lacking.

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.