

## Volunteer Leadership Role: Charity Trustee

[SeeBeyondBorders](#) is an internationally award winning organisation that improves the quality of teaching and learning in Cambodian primary schools. We are well established in Cambodia, having provided teacher training and mentoring support in the country since 2010. We have provided professional development to 523 teachers across 199 schools, positively impacting the education of 27,000 children, and we prioritise sustainable programming, working with local, regional and national education authorities to ensure teacher professional development activities are embedded into the long-term education strategy for the country.

### Why do we need you?

SeeBeyondBorders is the proud recipient of the UNESCO-Hamdan 2016 Prize for **Outstanding Performance and Practice in Enhancing the Performance of Teachers** as well as an Honourable Commendation in the 2017 Wenhui Award recognising **Innovations in Teacher Professional Development**. This international recognition has given us a further platform from which to achieve our goal of systemic change: granting access to national policy decision makers; demonstrating the significant impact of regular teacher development activities on student learning outcomes; and being invited to provide input on National Education Reforms in Cambodia.

This means that our growth ambitions have been accelerated and we would value the input of new Trustees to help support this growth.

### Who are we looking for?

We would like any new trustees to have a passion for helping those who are disadvantaged overseas, or to have an interest or connection with South-East Asia, or to have connections that may be able to help us professionalise or fund the work we are doing in Cambodia. If you have a keen interest in education or experience in the not-for-profit sector, this would be an advantage but it is certainly not a pre-requisite. Our current trustee board boasts a diverse range of skills and backgrounds and we would like to build on this as we move into the future.

From a practical point of view, we rely on our trustees to:

- Provide insight, wisdom and objective judgement on our strategy and activities
- Give advice in individual areas of specialisation (*we are specifically interested in individuals with skills or experience in charity law, compliance, IT, fundraising, philanthropy or networking*)
- Facilitate connections to enable us to broaden our network and raise our profile
- Support our fundraising activities e.g., organised events, crowd-funding and online campaigns
- Monitor the performance of the charity
- Ensure there is an adequate governance system in place

We expect our trustees to carry out their duties transparently and honestly, in the spirit of openness and integrity, which is so important to SeeBeyondBorders. We value the input of trustees who consider challenges with common sense and a level-headed approach.

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We will provide as much support as necessary to enable our trustees to represent SeeBeyondBorders to their network of contacts and help us to raise awareness and funds for the work that we do in Cambodia.

For a full and formal explanation of the duties of a Trustee, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-trustee-whats-involved>

### **Location**

Your base can be anywhere, but you must be willing to travel to London to take part in quarterly trustee meetings. On occasion, we will be happy for you to join these meetings on the telephone, but they are much more effective when our trustees are present in person.

### **Time Commitments**

Trustees meet formally four times per year in London (usually on a weekday evening) and papers are usually circulated to read before the meetings. On occasion, trustees are asked to attend fundraising and other networking events, and their opinions, help and advice may be sought by our Fundraising and Communications teams in between meetings.

Trustees are encouraged to visit SeeBeyondBorders' projects in Cambodia to gain a full understanding of the operations 'on the ground' and will be made very welcome throughout their stay. In the past, trustees have successfully incorporated some visits to SeeBeyondBorders' projects within a planned holiday.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible as a Trustee, you must not have been disqualified from acting as a charity trustee or company director in the past, you must not have been convicted of dishonesty or fraud, and you must not be bankrupt or entered into a formal agreement with a creditor.

This position is entirely voluntary and therefore it is unpaid.

### **Applications**

Please send your CV and a covering letter to [sarah.reynolds@seebeyondborders.org](mailto:sarah.reynolds@seebeyondborders.org). We look forward to hearing from you.

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