

Call for Trustees 2024

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## Association for Research in Infant and Child Development

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF ARICD?

There will be a number of vacancies on the Board of Trustees of the ARICD following the AGM in October 2024 and, therefore, we are looking for paediatricians and psychologists to become dynamic, enthusiastic Trustees who are committed to moving the policies and strategic direction of the ARICD forward in well-informed and innovative ways.

ARICD, a UK based charity, has grown significantly and internationally over recent years and we would like to build on that progress. Although the majority of Trustees need to be UK based, we wish to introduce a diverse range of people to our organisation.

Whilst our main focus is on children's development and disabilities, we are seeking Trustee applicants who have a range of experiences that might bring different perspectives to our organisation such that our mission and vision can be successfully implemented.

Research, technical communication/social media/ IT, safeguarding expertise would be particularly welcomed. All Trustees are expected to have good communication and interpersonal skills, and some experience of committee work and procedures is preferable (see Role Description below).

Trustees gain an understanding of how the organisation works and can influence it with support from other Trustees. Committee meetings are usually held virtually up to 6 times per year with some face to face too. Mentoring, support and opportunities for further training in aspects of being a charity Trustee are available.

Trustees will act as ambassadors for ARICD, represent ARICD at events, may join one of our committees (Research, Training and Education, IT/Communications) and further enhance their skills as a charity Trustee.

ARICD's Mission is to provide tailored, blended learning opportunities for interdisciplinary health professionals working in children's services. We advocate ongoing research regarding child development, its assessment,

intervention and innovation, and in so doing enhance the wellbeing and quality of life for children and primary caregivers.

More information about ARICD can be found on our [website](#).

Expressions of interest should be mailed, with a one-page CV, and the names of two referees, at least one of whom should ideally be a member of ARICD, to [info@aricd.ac.uk](mailto:info@aricd.ac.uk), before September 9th 2024.

The Annual General Meeting will be held virtually on October 19th 2024.

## **ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH IN INFANT AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT TRUSTEE**

### **Role description**

The Board of Trustees of ARICD takes on the ultimate legal and financial responsibility for all the activities of ARICD. The members maintain an overview of policy and strategic direction. The role of Trustees is summarised below.

### **Vision and Leadership**

- To be committed to the vision, mission and values of the organisation.
- To provide strategic direction, including agreeing and monitoring strategic plans.
- To keep informed of the activities of the organisation and the wider issues that affect its work.
- To ensure the work of the organisation is monitored and evaluated.

### **Accountability & Legal Responsibilities**

- To be familiar with the Constitution in order to ensure the organisation complies with its governing document (the constitution).
- To ensure the organisation keeps to the law, including charity and company law.
- To ensure the organisation makes efficient use of resources, in particular that all monies are applied to its objects, agreed plans and budgets.
- To ensure that risks to the organisation are at an acceptable level and are effectively managed.
- To be accountable to the membership, funders and other stakeholders.

### **Financial & Staff Management**

- To understand the financial position of the organisation.
- To ensure the organisation's finances are properly managed.
- To ensure the organisation operates within its agreed accounting policies.
- To ensure adequate financial resources for the organisation.
- To contribute to fundraising strategies.
- To ensure the organisation is properly insured against all reasonable liabilities.

- To ensure the organisation is a responsible employer and adheres to legislation.

### **Participation**

- To attend the board meetings, either in person or virtually.
- To attend any other meetings as called/deemed necessary by the President
- To join one of the committees or working groups.
- To respond to and participate in electronic communications between the board meetings.

A Trustee usually works a 3-year term in office as a Trustee of the ARICD, and is accountable to the membership of ARICD.

Members, if you plan to attend, please book your place at the AGM [here](#).



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