

27 March 2019

Dear Member,

**Annual General Meeting 2019: election of the Board of Directors
Invitation for self-nominations**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Landscape Research Group (LRG) will take place on 17 May 2019, when the Board for 2019-2020 will be elected. Current members of the board who are prepared to continue are required under our Articles of Association to put themselves forward each year for re-election, but in addition any member of LRG may nominate themselves as candidates, and I hereby warmly invite such nominations. We aim to have a Board of 15 members, with ideally 3 new members joining the Board in any year.

The Board will soon seek to appoint a new **Chair** and a new **Treasurer**, and I encourage candidates with the skills, experience and interest to take on those roles to put themselves forward.

We also welcome candidates with an **interest in being actively involved in developing and supporting LRG's main areas of activity, which include publications, events, our research grants scheme, support for landscape research networks and digital media.**

Voting in the election is either in person at the AGM or by proxy vote submitted in advance to the Company Secretary; further information on voting will be sent in advance of the AGM.

The LRG Board

LRG's Board of Directors has a strategic role, collectively to coordinate LRG's activities, manage its finances and focus on its future direction. Further information is available in the Explanatory Notes accompanying this letter.

The current Board, with 15 members, considers that the optimum working size for the Board is around twelve, but the size of the Board will be determined pragmatically after the Election in order to achieve a good balance of skills, expertise, rotation and representation. If twelve or fewer candidates put themselves forward, there will be no election, and all candidates will be deemed elected. If there are more than 21 candidates, the Board reserves the right to pre-select no more than 21 candidates to place before the AGM. The Board may also at that stage advise the voting membership of any specific skills, expertise or representation that should be favoured when voting. The Group always aims to have a Board whose membership:

- a) reflects the interdisciplinary breadth of landscape research by including as many landscape-related academic disciplines, professions or practice as possible;
- b) provides a strong international perspective;
- c) captures the range of skills, competence and capacity required to deliver the organisation's objectives;
- d) promotes social, gender and ethnic diversity.

Being a Director of LRG

As well as being a membership organisation, LRG is also a limited company and a registered charity. Members of the LRG Board are therefore both trustees of the charity and directors of the company. Members considering offering their services should first consult the [Charity Governance Code](#), and

the (straightforward) government guidance on carrying out these two roles: [The Essential Trustee, what you need to know](#) and [Running a Limited Company](#),

Directors are expected to attend the two board meetings that are held each year, customarily in London in December and May, for which expenses are paid. They are also expected in accordance with their expertise and experience to contribute throughout the year to leading the activities of LRG; *bona fide* expenses incurred through this can be reimbursed. Beyond such expenses, the position of director is voluntary and unpaid. Candidates must be paid-up members of LRG, and if elected they must also become members of 'Landscape Research Group Ltd' and accept liability to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 to the assets of LRG if the company is ever wound up.

The Self-Nomination Procedure

A nomination form is available to download from our website ([Nomination Form 2019](#)). It should be sent by email attachment to Chris Dalglish, Chair of the Board: chris@landscaperesearch.org.

The completed nomination form must be received by the Chair of the LRG Board **no earlier than 27 April 2019 and no later than midnight GMT on the 13 May 2019**. (*Our regulations require that nominations for election must be received 'not less than three nor more than twenty-one days before the date appointed for the meeting' (GC Annexe 6 [Company Regulations, Annex B) s17.]*)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Dalglish".

Chris Dalglish,
Chair of Landscape Research Group

EXPLANATORY NOTES – Landscape Research Group

The first formal meeting of the Landscape Research Group took place in May 1967, its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May 1968. In 1983 the organisation was both incorporated as a 'private company limited by guarantee' (12 April 1983, Company No. 1714386) and formally registered as 'Landscape Research Group Ltd', and registered as a charity (24 June 1983, Charity No. 287160). Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in landscape and the ways human beings shape, and are shaped by, the places in which they live. Online membership forms are available [here](#).

LRG is concerned with all types of landscape, 'ranging from wilderness to city,' in the words of the earliest statement of its 'Rules'. Through its directors, members and partnerships, LRG includes and reflects a broad range of disciplines and practices: artists, geographers, planners, landscape architects, archaeologists, historians and ecologists to list but a few, and increasingly seeks to go beyond academic disciplines to a broader public involvement of any type. We aim to help people to question and understand landscape. We act by funding and otherwise encouraging research and publication, organising and sponsoring events, giving educational awards and providing expert advice. We publish the peer-reviewed journal *Landscape Research*, a printed newsletter *Landscape Research Extra*, and a bi-monthly e-bulletin. Our annual reports can be consulted [here](#).

Although originating and registered in Britain, LRG has always aimed to work internationally to deliver our objects and promote collaboration and exchange between different disciplines and sectors, and between professionals and the public. We seek to empower people to question and understand how we shape and are, in turn, shaped by the world we live in. LRG supports the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and promotes a wide 'landscape approach' to all aspects of land- and society-based policy, planning and management.

LRG's aims were in 1983 enshrined in the words: 'To advance education and research, encourage interest and exchange information for the public benefit in the field of landscape and any related fields'. This remains our overall objective within which priorities are set, but from time to time our immediate goals and priorities are set out in new documents, the most recent of which is our [Research Strategy](#) published in 2016, which has a particular focus on research that contributes towards equitable and sustainable relationships between people and landscape.