

Founded in England in 1967, The Landscape Research Group (LRG) is a global community with a shared interest in landscape, from natural to urban design. LRG is an international, independent and charitable incorporated organisation working to advance interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary landscape research through dissemination, communication and exchange.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting strategy and overseeing its delivery. The Board ensures that the charity is resilient and sustainable; that it has a clear vision and mission; that its governance is of the highest standard and that it complies with all legal and regulatory requirements.

The Board is currently made up of 11 trustees including the Chair, and the editor-in-chief of the Landscape Research Journal who is a co-opted member of the board.

Our Trustees are an active, committed and personable group of people, with different backgrounds, interests and expertise.

Trustee Job Description

The statutory duties of a trustee are:

- Ensuring that the organisation pursues its stated objects (purposes), as defined in its governing document, by developing and agreeing a long-term strategy
- Ensuring that the organisation complies with its governing document (ie its trust deed, constitution or memorandum and articles of association), charity law, company law and any other relevant legislation or regulations
- Ensuring that the organisation applies its resources exclusively in pursuance of its charitable objects (ie the charity must not spend money on activities that are not included in its own objects, however worthwhile or charitable those activities are) for the benefit of the public
- Ensuring that the organisation defines its goals and evaluates performance against agreed targets
- Safeguarding the good name and values of the organisation
- Ensuring the effective and efficient administration of the organisation, including having appropriate policies and procedures in place
- Ensuring the financial stability of the organisation
- Protecting and managing the property of the charity and ensuring the proper investment of the charity's funds
- Following proper and formal arrangements for the appointment, supervision, support, appraisal and remuneration of the chief executive or equivalent.

In addition to the above statutory duties, each trustee should use any specific skills, knowledge or experience they have to help the board of trustees reach sound decisions. This may involve scrutinising board papers, leading discussions, focusing on key issues, providing advice and guidance on new initiatives, or other issues in which the trustee has special expertise.

Trustees are appointed to the Board for a term of three years, with a maximum of two consecutive terms, or six years in total. The Board meets for formal business three times a year, with two trustee workshops annually, but trustees may also need to attend other meetings or events throughout the year in order to fulfil their duties.

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