



VOLUNTEER REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Background Briefing

Regional Advisory Committees advise the Trustees of BBC Children in Need on grant awards. Committees are made up of a Chair, Vice Chair and up to 12 Committee Members.

BBC Children in Need

BBC Children in Need is the BBC's UK Charity for children and young people. Its vision is that every child in the UK has a safe, happy and secure childhood and the chance to reach their potential.

Thanks to the support of the public, it is able to make a real difference to the lives of children all across the UK through the grants it makes.

The BBC Children in Need Appeal started in 1927 on BBC radio when it raised £1,143. Since 1980 it has been an annual live television and radio appeal. In 1985 the charity was established as a grant-making trust to distribute funds raised by the annual appeal throughout the UK.

Over the last 38 years, BBC Children in Need working in partnership with the BBC has raised and distributed over £800 million to projects working with disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

It is local to people in all corners of the UK, supporting small and large organisations which empower children and extend their life choices and it is currently supporting over 2,600 projects.

BBC Children in Need has a team of around 75 staff, approximately half of whom are based in the Central Office in Salford. Other staff teams are based within the BBC, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and across four regions in England.

Each of the English regions is led by a Regional Head, who manages a small team of staff and a team of freelance assessors.

The North region consists of the following 14 counties - Humberside, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, East Yorkshire, North Yorkshire, Durham, Tyne and Wear, Northumberland, Tees Valley, Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Lancashire and Cumbria.

The Central region consists of the following 15 counties - Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire.

The South West region consists of the following 15 counties and unitary authorities plus the Channel Islands – Bath & North East Somerset, Berkshire, Bristol, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, North Somerset, Oxfordshire, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, West Sussex and Wiltshire.

The London & South East region consists of the following 7 counties - Greater London, Kent, Essex, Surrey, Buckinghamshire, East Sussex and Hertfordshire.

For more information go to www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey

Person Specification, Committee Member

SKILLS/ABILITIES

Essential:

- Analytical skills and interpretation of complex written and financial information
- Ability to assess feasibility of projects
- Good communication skills and interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate with people of all types and at all levels
- Good decision making skills
- Ability to think strategically, discuss and debate in a meeting environment
- Ability to remain objective and retain an overview
- Ability to meet tight deadlines, time management and prioritisation skills
- IT literacy to competent standard
- Flexibility and adaptability
- A good understanding of the voluntary and statutory sectors
- Good knowledge of local/regional area and background
- A sound understanding of issues facing disadvantaged children and young people and the environment in which provision is being delivered

Desirable:

- Previous experience of working on a committee
- Skills/experience of assessing

ATTRIBUTES

Essential:

- A commitment to equality of opportunity
- Objectivity/impartiality
- Attention to detail
- Strategic thinking

PRACTICAL MATTERS

Essential:

- Private access to telephone, computer and high speed internet.
- The time commitment is 6-8 days each year for meetings and training. In addition there is time spent reading and commenting on applications before each meeting, as well as time spent reading and absorbing the overview summary of all applications in readiness for the grant allocation meeting.
- As Committee meetings take place at BBC venues some travel and overnight stays may be involved
- We reimburse expenses in relation to the role e.g. travel, phone calls, overnight stays etc.

N.B. This recruitment is for the Central Regional Committee and requires the members to have knowledge of and/or be based in the region.

Closing date for applications is **midnight 5th August 2018.**

To apply please email CV and supporting letter to **midlands&east2@bbc.co.uk.**

Interviews for the Regional Advisory Committee member roles are expected to be held w/c 20th August 2018.

Successful candidates will be invited to observe the Committee Meeting on 12 & 13 September 2018 and attend induction and training sessions in October 2018 (date TBC).