

Role title:	Trustee
Responsible to:	MCS Charitable Foundation Chair
Role purpose:	To oversee and guide the MCS Foundation and its strategy and funds as part of the Board of Trustees
Hours:	Approximately 6-9 days a year
Term:	This is a three-year term with the possibility of re-appointment for a further two terms.
Salary:	This is a voluntary role and travel expenses will be reimbursed.
Location:	Quarterly Board meetings will generally take place in London or Warrington offices / hybrid with any other meetings taking place online

Foundation Overview

The MCS Foundation, founded by the UK Government, today operates as an independent Foundation and is a leading UK not-for-profit organisation with a vision to make every UK home carbon free. The Foundation works to accelerate decarbonisation solutions for the homes and buildings sector, a hard-to-decarbonise sector that accounts for around 20% of UK carbon emissions.

Core Activities

The MCS Foundation carries out its work under three core streams of activities:

- **National and Local Advocacy:** Advocacy at the local and national level, alone and in partnership with other like-minded organisations to undertake research and promote policies that will help drive the uptake of renewables and low-carbon technologies in the buildings and household sectors. Those may range from campaigns to reduce VAT on renewables to enabling retail financing to renewable technologies.
- **Financing and Scaling-Up Innovations:** Via grants and seed-funding and a range of partnerships we identify and support innovations to decarbonise homes, heat and energy – for example, in the fields of skills, community engagement, green finance and local authority delivery programmes. We aim to significantly increase the level of capital deployed in the coming years as the Foundation's income stream grows and we forge partnerships with other funders to channel more funding to our sector.
- **Quality and Performance Standards Setting and Enforcement:** Setting and enforcing, via its wholly owned subsidiary MCS Service Company, the national quality standards for a wide range of renewables and low-carbon technologies, from solar to heat pumps. Our certification underpins several national governmental programmes and incentives to promote adoption of renewables and low-carbon technologies.

The Role

This is a high-impact role for individuals keen on contributing to the forefront of decarbonisation efforts in the UK and bringing their strategic skills and experience to an

organisation working to overcome the many practical challenges of making net-zero emissions in homes and buildings a reality.

As we take the Foundation to the next level, we are looking to recruit two Trustees to our Board. The successful candidates should be able to offer strategic guidance and oversight to the Foundation.

We are looking for individuals with Board level experience, substantial professional experience in their field of expertise, a strong understanding of good governance in organisations with a public profile, and a passion for addressing the climate emergency (but specialist knowledge is not required).

Successful applicants may come from a variety of professional backgrounds which could include but is not limited to innovation, advocacy, fundraising and partnerships, and governance.

Several of our Trustees are also Trustee representatives on the Board of MCS Service Company, which ensures quality and standards of renewable energy installations. It is preferred that the new Trustees also have the flexibility to join the Company Board.

The initial term for a Trustee is three years and may be renewed twice, enabling a Trustee to serve for up to 9 years in total.

What will you be doing

There are currently 4 Board Meetings a year with shorter meetings in between as needed.

The MCS Service Company Board also meets 4 times per year.

The estimated time commitment is a total of 6 to 9 days per year for serving on the Foundation Board only, or a total of 12 days a year for serving on both Boards.

Key Criteria

- Strong interest in issues of decarbonisation and energy transition
- Proven ability to operate at a strategic level
- Experience at Board level at private firms, public sector and/or charitable organisations
- Experience in organisations with a strong public service or mission-based orientation