



The Society for the Furtherance of Critical Philosophy

Trustee Application

The Society for the Furtherance of Critical Philosophy (SFCP) is looking for new trustees to join our small board. SFCP is an independent charity founded in 1940, which aims to promote independent critical thinking in the transformative Socratic tradition. SFCP has an international outlook and engages with others in dialogue and activities about ethical issues and the challenges of personal and public life. It does this through training Socratic Dialogue facilitators, and promoting and supporting Socratic Dialogue and critical philosophy through organizing and funding events, conferences, colloquia, research and scholarship. It works in partnership with its sister organisations in Germany, Philosophisch-Politische Akademie (Philosophical-Political Academy, PPA) and Gesellschaft für Sokratisches Philosophieren (Society of Socratic Facilitators, GSP). Its activities are funded through an endowment, which the trustees oversee. Further details of SFCP and its current trustees can be found on the website:

<http://sfcf.org.uk/about-us/>

We are seeking trustees who are interested in the work of the organisation, are prepared to contribute to its development and who will complement and strengthen the existing skillset on the board. We would particularly welcome applications from people who have experience/expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Background in philosophy and experience of, or an interest in, promoting public/community philosophy.
- Background and networks in the higher education sector and interest in promoting Socratic Dialogue and critical philosophy in universities and colleges.
- Background and networks in the school sector and/or work with young people and interest in promoting Socratic Dialogue and critical philosophy with young people.
- Experience in the charity sector and a knowledge of charity governance and finance
- Expertise and interest in organisational development, strategic planning and working on developing the charity and its work into the future.
- Expertise in communication and media, including how to promote the work of the organisation

The duties of trustees include:

- Ensure purposes of charity are carried out
- Comply with the governing document and law
- Act in the charity's best interests
- Ensure the charity is accountable
- Manage resources responsibly
- Act with reasonable care and skill

The personal qualities expected of trustees include:

- Conduct self with integrity, commitment and an understanding of the responsibilities of trustees
- Devote the necessary time to the role
- Show strategic awareness, good independent judgement, the ability to think creatively, a willingness to speak your mind and work effectively as a team member
- Be a voice for the charity, and be prepared to promote its work

Meetings and travel expenses - There are usually three meetings of the board per year. Currently two of these meetings are online (February and May), and one in-person (October) combined with an overnight stay and event. Trustees are also encouraged and supported to attend Socratic Dialogues, colloquia and conferences organised by SFCP , PPA and GSP, which may be in the UK or Europe (particularly Germany). Reasonable travel and accommodation expenses are paid.

Inquiries: If you would like to discuss the role further please contact Julie-Marie French Devitt galangal19@yahoo.co.uk

Application: Please apply by sending us your CV and covering letter (max 2 sides of A4) giving details of why you are interested in the role, and what you would offer, to: sfcuk@gmail.com

Closing date: April 31st 2023