



Role Specification Legal Trustee

Overview

Stories shape our world. We believe it matters how they're told.

One World Media is a charity founded over 30 years ago by a group of journalists who recognised that international reporting at that time was limited and often reinforcing stereotypes. Since then we have been working to support journalists and filmmakers globally to tell stories that inform and connect us all.

Our prestigious annual One World Media Awards celebrates the best media coverage from the global south. Whether it is our Special Award winners (like Maria Ressa who faces challenges from the Philippines government and recently won the Nobel Peace Prize) or our New Voice nominees (last year reporting from Gaza, Cuba and Sudan) we shine a light on their determination, integrity and creativity.

We also champion new talent working on international untold stories. Through our Fellowship and GSDF programmes we prioritise learning and mentorship for factual storytellers from underreported countries. All designed to provide a springboard into the media industry.

Now we are recruiting a trustee with legal expertise to join our dedicated board as we continue to extend our impact globally. We believe a strong and diverse board is essential to ensure that our organisation is well run and making the right strategic decisions.

We are seeking a trustee who is passionate about our mission and able to bring their legal skills to help us meet our ambitious fundraising goals to accelerate growth.

We are seeking a professional with extensive knowledge obtained throughout a career in law, ideally with experience in the media, to inform the legal aspects of the charity and advise on its strategic plans.

Role

- Contribute proactively to the board in setting One World Media's vision and mission, and developing long-term strategy.
- Provide guidance and insights to the board and staff through the trustee's own experience on key issues including the changing worlds of media, politics, international development and fundraising.
- Act as an ambassador, representing One World Media to key stakeholders to help wider understanding of the role of OWM and to support our fundraising.



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- Take ultimate responsibility for the affairs of One World Media ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and delivering the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public for which it has been set up.

Duties

- To prepare for, attend and contribute to quarterly board meetings, an annual strategy day, the judging for the One World Media Special Award and One World Media events.
- To become actively involved in the sub-committees of the board.
- To approve annual budgets and accounts, monitor spending, agree financial procedures and policies, and manage risk.
- To communicate effectively with the Chair, other trustees and staff to ensure good debate and decision-making.
- To contribute to external communications, building partnerships and fundraising.

Person specification

- A high level of competence and credibility in UK law
- Ability and willingness to represent One World Media and its interests to key stakeholders, including donors, and to further raise our profile.
- Diverse expertise gleaned from varied roles, with the ability to think strategically, seek and take advice, debate issues, take decisions and communicate effectively.
- Interest in the role of the media globally and in the future of quality journalism.
- Commitment to diversity and equality at One World Media.

Time Required

- Four board meetings per year (meetings usually run from 5-7pm)
- One strategy day per year
- One Special Award jury meeting per year
- Any board sub-groups (2-3 meetings a year)
- Trustees serve a term of three years and can serve two terms.

To apply, please send a current CV and cover letter before 5 p.m on Friday 28th January, 2022 to Tor Bridges, Acting Director of One World Media, at tor@oneworldmedia.org.uk.