

Fordhall Community Land Initiative (FCLI), a not-for-profit community owned society in Market Drayton, is seeking two or three voluntary Directors with a background (ideally 10 years +) in at least one of the following:

- Human Resources
- Health and Safety
- Marketing
- Education, preferably outdoor education

These are exciting opportunities for people who are passionate about organic farming, the charity sector and providing community benefit. The Board needs to reflect the views, opinions and values of our vast membership, as it acts on their behalf. It is therefore vital to have a range of characters and backgrounds, as well as specific skills sets.

Job Details

- Each Board member devotes a minimum of 8 full days to Fordhall per year.
- Four Board meetings are held per year at Fordhall Farm, generally on a Monday 4.30pm – 6.30pm.
- Each Director is also a member of at least one sub group; Finance and Business, Fundraising and Marketing, Buildings and Maintenance, Education. Each sub group reports into the Board and works with the General Manager to develop plans, manage resources, issues and risks for that area of the business. These sub groups meet at varying intervals. You should expect there to be at least a further 4 meetings per annum, with additional time for planning and support.

All Directors must be shareholders of the FCLI and be formally elected onto the Board at the AGM, which is held in April each year. Directors selected through this recruitment process will be co-opted onto the Board for 2018, with the intention they are put forward for election in April 2019.

Applicants must be within easy travel distance of Market Drayton, Shropshire.

About Fordhall Community Land Initiative (FCLI)

FCLI owns and utilises Fordhall Organic Farm in North Shropshire as an educational and social resource, promoting sustainable farming and healthy living. It raised an amazing £800,000 in 2006 through a high profile national press campaign to enable Fordhall Organic Farm to be purchased by its non-profit making shareholders, purchasing one of more £50 shares, of which there are now over 8,000 members across 25 countries. This was the first structure of its kind in England to place farmland into community ownership. The society was created by Charlotte and Ben Hollins, when in their early twenties and has now developed into an exemplar enterprise with wide reaching appeal and benefit.

The FCLI is incorporated as a charitable Community Benefit Society (previously Industrial and Provident Society).

The mission statement of the FCLI states:

“To ensure Fordhall’s exemplar enterprise prospers and flourishes, proving that organic farming connected to the local community can offer a viable way of life for generations to come; allowing us all to live healthier, happier lives in harmony with Mother Nature.”

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The Board

There are currently nine Board Members of varied skills set and a Chair. We are looking for up to three additional Board members

The Board is accountable to the FCLI shareholders for its actions. Operational management is delegated to the FCLI Manager, who has responsibility for all operational issues and decisions.

The Board of Directors is collectively responsible for the general control and management of FCLI and for:

- Health and Safety compliance and continuous improvement performance
- Setting its strategic direction and delivery of objectives
- Financial management
- Internal controls
- Policy and procedures
- Employees and volunteers
- Risk and Equality
- Compliance with all legal and other requirements
- Acting with prudence, integrity and in the interests of FCLI at all times
- All other duties normally the responsibility of a Community Benefit Society in carrying out its activities.

Summary of the collective responsibilities of the Board:

- To approve those matters referred to the Board for specific approval – eg signing leases or other property deals, expenditure over certain agreed amounts etc.
- At all times to act in the best interests of FCLI and to comply with legal and regulatory requirements.
- To ensure that FCLI complies with its governing document, community benefit society legislation and any other relevant legislations or regulations.
- To ensure that FCLI pursues its objectives, as defined in its governing document.
- To ensure that the organisation applies its resources exclusively in pursuance of its objectives.
- To contribute actively to the Boards role in giving strategic direction to FCLI, setting overall policy, defining goals and setting targets and evaluating performance against agreed targets.
- To ensure resolution of any disputes etc with FCLI
- To safeguard FCLI's good names and values
- To ensure the financial stability of FCLI
- To protect and manage the property and to ensure the proper investment of FCLI funds.
- To appoint the FCLI Manager and monitor his/her performance
- Hold FCLI to account for its performance.

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