



Methodist Independent Schools Trust (MIST) – Trustee Opportunities

We are always interested to hear from individuals willing to bring their professional skills and experience to bear as Trustees and Company Directors of one of England's largest educational charities.

<https://www.methodistschools.org.uk/about-us/about-mist>

For more than a century the Methodist Church has regarded the provision of education as central to its mission. The Church has responsibility for around 80 schools, of which almost one quarter are in the independent sector, and 9 of which are under the jurisdiction of MIST. The Church's Governing Body, the Methodist Conference, has placed responsibility for the Trust Schools into the hands of MIST, a charitable company limited by guarantee, with an annual turnover of c£100m. The land and buildings of the MIST estate are vested in the Methodist Schools Property Company (MSPC), which is a charitable subsidiary company of MIST. The objects of MIST are:

- **The advancement of education in accordance with the Principles of the Methodist Church**, and
- Such other charitable purposes of the Methodist Church as the Conference shall from time to time by resolution direct.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/education/methodists-and-education/>

MIST administers the schools in accordance with MIST's Instrument of Government, through which arrangements MIST has full legal responsibility for the operation of the schools, the school property (via MSPC), and all other matters relating to the schools. MIST is the entity that runs and is responsible for the Trust Schools and is thus the legally recognised Proprietor of each of them.

The Trustees consist of between 10 and 16 individuals over the age of 18, all of whom must support MIST's Objects and of whom at least 50% must be members of the Methodist Church. Our current Trustees are listed [here](#). Trustees/Directors must be eligible to be registered formally with the Charity Commission and at Companies House. MIST maintains a skills matrix for the Trustee Body. At this time MIST is particularly interested in recruiting Trustees with professional skills and experience in the following fields:

- Education
- Human Resources
- Audit and Risk

Training and induction will be offered. Trustees are expected to visit at least one school during the course of each year, to attend 4 Trustee meetings a year in London, and to participate in the work of Committees (Finance; Property; Nominations and Governance; Audit etc). Trusteeship offers an excellent opportunity to contribute to the effective governance of one of England's Top 100 Charities by income.

MIST would be delighted to receive expressions of interest in becoming a trustee, for consideration by the People & Governance Committee. Please send your CV with a covering letter to admin@methodistschools.org.uk, and/or contact us for an informal discussion about the requirements.