



FACULTY OF
PUBLIC HEALTH

Chair of the FPH Climate & Health Committee

Role description

SUMMARY

The Chair of the Faculty's Climate & Health Committee (CHC) provides strategic leadership for the UK Faculty of Public Health (FPH) on matters relating to climate and health policy and advocacy. The aims and objectives of the committee are:

- To lead FPH's sustainability, climate change and ecological emergencies policies
- To embed sustainability, and climate change and biodiversity in all FPH policy developments
- To promote best practice in sustainability, climate change and biodiversity work across the Faculty and to and through its membership
- To promote sustainability, climate change and biodiversity across the curriculum for specialist Trainees
- To increase the Faculty's profile in sustainability, climate change and biodiversity work
- To advise on the Faculty's ethical investment policy and the transition to carbon neutrality by 2030

This is a critical leadership role within FPH and the wider public health community to shape future public health policy and practice across the climate and health agenda in line with the Faculty's [climate and health strategy](#). Current committee priorities include active transport, engagement with the COP process, embedding climate competencies into consultant practice and fossil fuel advocacy.

The postholder will also lead the governance and development of two member-led Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that are working on specific areas relevant to climate and health policy - transport and sustainable development.

The Chair serves a three-year term of office and is accountable to the FPH President and to the membership. In accordance with the Standing Orders, s/he may stand for re-election for a second consecutive three-year term of office. A time commitment of 4-5 hours per week would be expected, worked flexibly. The Chair reports to the President, who chairs the FPH Advocacy and Policy Committee.

Key responsibilities of Chair

Lead the members of the Climate & Health Committee and enable them to work effectively together: through taking lead responsibility for the design, reporting, delivery and evaluation of the annual committee workplan, leading committee meetings, discussions, engagement, talking frequently over email / by phone, sharing of work plans and agendas, peer support and challenge etc.

Be an active member of the Advocacy and Policy Committee: by attending the regular meetings, contributing to the development and implementation of the Advocacy and Policy Committee work plan, championing the Faculty's wider policy function and FPH's five-year strategy.

Inspire FPH members to play a positive and effective role on the committee and in the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that report into the Climate & Health Committee

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Lead the governance of the SIGs that report to the Climate & Health Committee: by ensuring all SIGs have work plans, follow the reporting process and the SIG Terms of Reference, inviting SIGs to committee meetings, and ensuring that the work of all of the 'climate and health' SIGs are joined up.

Set out a clear vision for the Climate & Health Committee and associated SIGs in the context of a member organisation which we want people to join and play an active role in – this should include having a clear sense for how the committee processes, ways of working, behaviours, structures and terms of reference need updating and modernising, how to encourage new blood into the committees (including encouraging non-members to join FPH to play a role) and how to energise and set expectations amongst existing committee members and SIG Chairs.

Reporting

The postholder will report to the FPH President.

Personal behaviours

The postholder will actively model the organisation's values, champion all FPH guidance, and champion the work of the FPH and will encourage and expect other committee members to do the same. The postholder is expected to be a Fellow of the FPH.

Equality, diversity and inclusion

The Faculty of Public Health is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion, and to tackling any form of racism or violence. We are committed to minority ethnic representation at our senior leadership level and support our leaders in understanding the issues experienced by these communities.

Post conditions

Climate & Health Committee meetings are held quarterly, generally online, but could also be occasionally in person. A time commitment of between 4-5 hours weekly is expected, worked flexibly. The post is non-remunerated, but reasonable expenses will be reimbursed in line with FPH's expenses policy.

How to apply

Please send a CV and covering letter to: policy@fph.org.uk.