

Why are you standing for FSA Director

Many practitioners are working in isolation and the route to qualification is often diverse. Any group of like-minded people are stronger if they come together and I feel strongly that those who give so much through their profession to the benefit of others deserve the best possible support from those that have the capacity to give it. I currently find myself in that fortunate position. I have the drive, motivation and flexibility to feel that I am able to stand and I have sufficient practical experience to have empathy with practitioners and knowledge from my role as a school Governor of the benefits of a 'critical friend' within compliance and management.

Your Forest school experience.

My employment as Outdoor Learning and Engagement Manager for ECC Country Parks was not one of delivery so, therefore, my 'pure' Forest School delivery is not extensive. However, I have supported 4 other members of staff through the process and supported their Forest School journeys. They have been through a variety of training providers and each has been held in a different location. I feel that I have a sound knowledge of the Forest school ethos and principles.

How can I personally benefit the FSA

In truth this is a difficult question to answer without knowing what needs to be done and I would expect that will become clearer through this application process. I would say that one of my strengths is communication. I like people and I take pleasure from seeing projects grow because of introductions. I would like to think that I have a good reputation for project management and that my projects reach completion. I am not precious with regards to creative ideas and happily pass on ideas that will ultimately benefit our sole aim which is children and the environment. I am confident in the messages of the FSA and feel that I would be a good Ambassador.

Please declare any special interests or affiliations with other organisation in the FS sector.

I do not have any formal links with any other organisation that is currently running Forest School. I am planning to support the Wilderness Foundation by way of mentoring a member of staff and will sit on their steering committee.