



## Election of directors of FSA: 2020

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**Application to become a Director and Trustee of the Forest School Association**

Full Name:.... Sara Collins.....

Organisation/Freelance:.....Free lance Forest School Practitioner.....  
 (If you are involved with any organisation – please state the name of the organisation and position held).

Sector Experience/Skills (please rate, with X, each from 0 to 3: 0 = no experience, 1 = general background/experience, 2 = Strong relevant experience, 3 = direct relevant experience):

<b>Sector Experience</b>	0	1	2	3
Early Years Forest School			x	
Primary Years Forest School				x
Secondary Years Forest School		x		
Special Needs Forest School			x	
Play Sector		x		
Environmental Organisations involvement with Forest School		x		
County Council Forest School		x		
Academic Research for Forest School/Higher Education		x		
Outdoor learning				x
Forest/Woodland management				x
Forest School Training		x		
Other (please specify)				
<b>Skills</b>				
Media/Communications including social media				x
Business/Marketing				x
Fundraising			x	
Events		x		
Public Speaking				x
Business Acumen				x
Other (please specify)				



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**Please tell us a bit about yourself (max 500 words), including;**

- Why you are standing for FSA directorship?

I initially stood as a director as part of my APIOL commitment to contributing to the industry. This time I am standing because of the friendships that I have made in the Forest School community and because the FSA has developed to an exciting point as an organisation. I look to the FSA future with great hope and would like to contribute to its future development.

- Your Forest School experience (and this is not necessarily a pre requisite but you will need to have some basic working knowledge of Forest School)

I qualified as a Level 3 Forest School Practitioner in 2010. I am self employed and work in Forest School and Outdoor Education. I have written a CPD course on Ecology and Sustainability in Forest School that has just been accredited Level 3. I am also a distance learning tutor for Portsmouth University and teach a course on Entrepreneurial sustainability and Entrepreneurial Biotechnology at Bath University.

- How you personally can benefit the FSA.

I have direct experience of Forest School (Level 3) and Forest ecology (BSc, DIC, PhD) and business, (MBA and worked at SME and international levels). I am not a trainer so can give a different perspective on FSA issues. I have contributed to marketing, fundraising, policy development and strategic thinking and have been the Deputy Chair for 3 years. I established the FSA Teemill site for T-shirt sales. I have experience of working in committees (FSA and school governor) and have worked with volunteers (in the Portsmouth Repair Café, I was invited to establish and sit on the Portsmouth Diocese Environmental Advisory Group, I am providing ecology expertise to a protest group in Wales trying to prevent the destruction of an ancient woodland). I have experience of writing business plans (e.g. the copyright for a plan to develop a nematode production business was sold for £25,000). I am happy to make time and effort available to the FSA.

- Please declare any special interests or affiliations with other organisations in the Forest School sector including commercial, public sector or voluntary.

I have started running the CPD course with Sarah Lawful.

Your information will form the basis for the members to vote in advance of the AGM – and your personal commitment to your role as a Director and Trustee of the Forest School Association.

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